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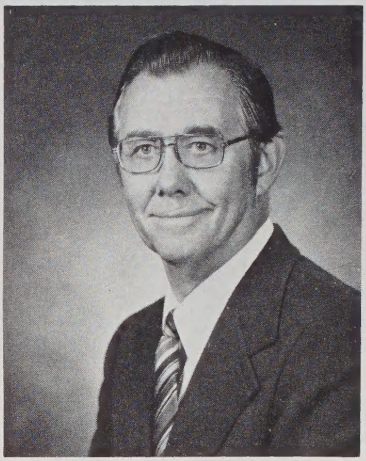

MODERATOR OF SYNOD — 1976

Pastor E. Raymond Hemphill

PRO-RENATA SESSION

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 6:35 P.M.

The One Hundred Forty-Seventh Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America met in Pro-Renata Session on Thursday, August 12, 1976 at 6:35 p.m. in Olin Hall, Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota.

The Moderator constituted the court in prayer.

It was determined that a quorum was present.

Synod voted to change the time of the opening session of Synod from Thursday, August 12, 1976 at 7:45 p.m. to Thursday, August 12, 1976 at 6:45 p.m.

The court was adjourned in prayer by the Moderator.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 6:45 P. M.

The One Hundred Forty-Seventh Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America met pursuant to adjournment at Olin Hall, Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota on Thursday, August 12 at 6:45 p.m.

Bruce Stewart, the retiring Clerk constituted the court in prayer.

The Roll was made up, and is as follows for the sessions of Synod:

THE ROLL OF SYNOD

Ruling elders are indented

Adams, Roy M., Eastvale	XXXXXXXX
Backensto, Bruce R., Sterling	XXXXXXXX
Baumgartner, Joseph, Southfield	XXXXXXXX
Bennett, David, Orlando	XXXXXXXX
Bessell, Roy M., Rose Point	XXXXXXXX
Bittner, Lee P., III, Geneva College	X XX
Blackwood, Roy, Indianapolis	XXXXXXXX
Blair, S. Ray, Washington	XXXXXXXX
Boyle, Samuel E.	XXXX XX
Brown, Willie C., Selma	XXXXXXXX
Burke, David L., Hetherton	XXXXXXXX
Burns, Thomas, Almonte	XXXXXXXX
Carson, David, M., Geneva College	X
Carson, James D., Los Angeles	XXXXXXXX
Carson, Norman M., Geneva College	XXXXXXXX
Carson, Philip, Oakdale	XXXXXXXX
Caskey, Joseph M., Rose Point	XXXXXXXX
Caskey, R. Wyley, Allegheny	XXXXXXXX
Catloth, Robert E., Lawrence	XXXXXXXX
Chao, Charles, Taiwan	XXXXXXXX
Christou, C. C. , Cyprus	XXXXXXXX
Cooper, Charles, Bloomington	XXXXXXXX
Copeland, Daniel C., Covenant Fellowship	XXXXXXX
Copeland, E. Clark, Seminary	XXXXXXXX
Copeland, Joe, Hays	XXXXXXXX
Crawford, Donald, Coldenham	XXXXXXX
Cretors, Fredrick, Indianapolis	XXXXXXXX
Duffield, Wayne, Rimersburg	XXXXXXXX
Edgar, John O., Southfield	XXXXXXXX
Edger, Kermit S., Eastvale	XXXXXXXX
Elliott, D. Howard, Topeka	XXXXXXXX
Faris, Paul, Lisbon	XXXXXX
Felker, Donald, West Lafayette	XXXXXXXX
Fields, Webster, Lisbon	XXXXXXX
Fullerton, Robert, Manchester	XXXXXXX
Gangadean, Surrendra, Phoenix	XXXXXXXX
Good, Ronald V., New Alexandria	XXXXXXXX
Gouge, Donald W., Fresno	XXXXXXXX
Hemphill, Bruce, Hays	XXXXXXX
Hemphill, E. Raymond, Greeley	XXXXXXXX
Henning, Robert, Oakdale	XXXXXXXX
Hindman, Reed, Minneola	XXXXXXXX

Honeyman, James, Los Angeles	XXXXXXX
Howell, Ralph, Washington	XXXXX
Huggins, Gene, Syracuse	XXXXXXX
Huizing, Howard, Santa Ana	XX XXXXX
Hutcheson, Chester T., Kansas City	XXXXXXX
Hutcheson, T.M.	XXXXXXXX
Hutmire, Louis D., Covenant Fellowship	XXXXXXXX
James, Russell, Hebron	XXXXXXXX
Joseph, Ralph E., Easton	XXXXXXXX
Joseph, Raymond P., West Lafayette	XXXXXXXX
Keddie, Gordon J., North Hills	XXXXXXXX
Kennedy, Philip, Greeley	XXXXXXXX
Keys, Robert C., Winchester	XXXXXXXX
Kilpatrick, Lester E., 1st Beaver Falls	XXXXXXX
Lamont, John B., Seattle	XXXXXXXX
Leino, Roy, Ogemaw	XXXXXXX
Lowe, G. Duncan, Sharon	XXXXXXXX
Malyon, Harold, Lake Reno	XXXXXXXX
Martin, J. Bruce, Superior	XXXXXXXX
Martin, Melville W., Aged Peoples Home	XXXXXXXX
Martin, Paul M., Phoenix	XXXXXXXX
Martin, Philip W., Montclair	XXXXXXXX
Masunaga, Toshio, East Soma	XXXXXXXX
Mathews, Ralph, Sparta	XXXXXXXX
Mathews, R. Paul	XXXXXXXX
McBurney, Charles, 1st Beaver Falls	XXXXXXXX
McBurney, Kenneth	XXXXXXXX
McBurney, Waldo, Quinter	XXXXXXXX
McConaughy, Robert, College Hill	XXXXXXXX
McCraken, D. Raymond, Minneola	XXXXXXX
McCracken, J. Paul, Westminster	XXXXXX X
McCracken, Paul D.	XXXXXXXX
McCracken, Robert B., Walton	XXXXXXXX
McCrory, Robert, Sterling	XXXXXX
McElhinney, Paul, Sharon	XXXXXXXX
McElroy, J. E., Westminster	XXXXXXXX
McFarland, Glenn, Santa Ana	XXXXXXXX
McFarland, M. L. , Ogemaw	XXXXXXXX
McFarland, Robert H., Quinter	XXXXXXX
McKeown, Ernest, Canbridge	XXXXXXX
McKelvy, H. E., North Hills	XXXXXXXX
McMillan, John M., Marion	XXXXXXX
McMillan, Robert W., Coldenham	XXXXXXXX
McMillen, Willard G., Geneva College	XX X XXX
McNaughton, Thomas, Geneva	XXXXXXXX

Milroy, Jerrold S., Bloomington XXXXXXXX
Mitchel, Waldo, Cambridge XXXXXXXX
Mitchell, John M., Geneva XXXXXXXX
Moore, Raymond, Clarinda XXXXXXXX
More, Robert XXXXXXXX
Morrow, Robert, Sparta XXXXXXXX
Mullinnix, Donald H., Indianapolis XXXXXXXX
Nickerson, Ronald, Bd. of Ed. and Pub. XXXXXXXX
Parnell, Darrell, Topeka XXXXXXX
Price, George W., New York XXXXXXXX
Price Thomas A. Jr., Four Mile XXXXXXXX
Ramsay, Arlan, Westminster XXXXXXXX
Reade, F. F. XXXX
Robb, G. M. , Lake Reno XXXXXXXX
Robson, Edward A., Syracuse XXXXXXX
Roby, Edward L., Hetherton XXXXXX
Shoop, Orville, Marion XXXXXXXX
Smith, Dean R., College Hill XXXXXXXX
Smith, Kenneth G., Covenant Fellowship XXXXXXXX
Spear, Gene, Keiyaku XXXXXXXX
Spear, Wayne R., Seminary XXXXXXXX
Spear, Wendell, Walton XXXXXX
Sterrett, Charles, Elkins Park XXXXXXXX
Stewart, Bruce C., Seminary XXXXXXXX
Takiura, Shigeru, Japan
Tweed, John, Kansas City XXXXXXXX
Tweed, Robert B., Geneva XXXXXXXX
Ulrich, Robert, Belle Center XXXXXXXX
Vincze, John, New Alexandria XXXXXXXX
Weilersbacher, Donald, San Diego XXXXXXXX
Weir, Richard, New York XXXXXXXX
White, John, Newburg XXXXXXXX
White, John H., Geneva College XXXXXXXX
Wilcox, D. Ray XXXXXXXX
Willson, S. Bruce, Seminary XXXXXXXX
Willson, D.B., Broomall XXXXXXXX
Wilson, J. Paul XXXXXXXX
Wilson, Ralph, Morning Sun XXXXXXX
Wing, Merlin, Dennison XXXXXXXX
Wissner Jay, Allegheny XXXXXXXX
Wright, James M., Orlando XXXXXXXX
Wright, J. Renwick, Winchester XXXXXXXX

Deacon Delegates

Johnson, Beatrice, New York Presbytery	XXXXXXXX
Rice, Ed, Iowa Presbytery	XXXXXXX
Robb, Stewart, Midwest Presbytery	XXXXXXXX
Windham, Alan, Ohio-Illinois Presbytery	XXXXXXX

The following ministers attending their first meeting of Synod were introduced to the court, Shigeru Takiura, Japan and Thomas A. Price, Four Mile,

The following elders, who were present at Synod for the first time were introduced to the court.

Philip Kennedy, Greeley; Harold Malyon, Lake Reno; Charles Cooper, Bloomington; Ed Roby, Hetherton; Willie C. Brown, Selma; Paul McElhiney, Sharon; Surrendra Gangadean, Pheonix; John Vincze, New Alexandria; Reed Hindman, Minneola; Joseph Baumgartner, Southfield; and Philip Carson, Oakdale.

Stewart Robb was introduced as a deacon delegate present at Synod for the first time.

The following men were nominated as Moderator of Synod: Kenneth G. Smith, E. Raymond Hemphill, Renwick Wright. Kenneth G. Smith and Renwick Wright withdrew their names from nomination; the Synod approved of their withdrawal. E. Raymond Hemphill was elected by unanimous vote.

C. C. Christou of Cyprus and Toshio Masunaga from Japan were introduced as members of the court who have been members of previous meetings of Synod.

D. J. Magee of North Ireland; Sinclair Horne and Raymond Morton of Scotland were introduced to the court as representatives of their respective Reformed Presbyterian Synods. It was voted that these men be given the privileges of the floor.

Paul M. Martin and Robert McCracken were elected as Clerk and Assistant clerk respectively.

A rising vote of appreciation was given to the retiring clerk.

The court took recess in prayer by Robert McCracken to reconvene in Skinner Chapel at 7:30 P.M.

The court was reconvened in prayer by the Moderator.

The court was addressed by the retiring Moderator on the subject "Fulfilling the Great Commission in the Seventies."

The Court was adjourned in prayer by the retiring Moderator.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 1976

Synod met pursuant to adjournment in Olin Hall, Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, on Friday, August 13 at 8 A.M. and was constituted in prayer by the Moderator.

The Roll was taken.

The following were introduced to the court as delegates to Synod for the first time: Orville Shoop, Marion; Howard Huizing, Santa Ana; Gene Huggins, Syracuse; David Bennet, Orlando; Roy Leno, Ogemaw, Daniel Copeland, Covenant Fellowship; John Lamont, Seattle; David Burke, Ogemaw; Robert Ulrich, Bell Center; Edward Rice, Marion.

It was moved that Mr. Donald Piper, pastor elect of Seattle Congregation, be given the privilege of the floor.

A devotional period was held each morning before taking up the business of the day. The schedule was as follows:

FRIDAY — "The Greatness of God's Mercies" — Gerrold Milroy.

SATURDAY — "The Glory of God in Subduing the Enemies of God" — Paul M. Martin.

MONDAY-"The Greatness on the Lord" — Renwick Wright.

TUESDAY — "Behold, I Stand at the Door and Knock" — Gordon Keddie.

A memorial for Charles T. Carson was prepared and read by John O. Edgar, and appears in the Appendix to the minutes. A memorial for Claude C. Brown was prepared and read by Roy Blackwood, and appears in the Appendix to the minutes. A memorial for Cloyd E. Caskey was prepared and read by E. Clark Copeland and appears in the appendix to the minutes. A memorial for J. Burt Willson was prepared and read by S. Bruce Willson and appears in the appendix to the minutes.

Notice was taken of the death of the following elders since the last meeting of Synod: Marlin Hare, NewCastle; Fred Huebner, Topeka; Raymond Knutson, Hot Springs; Knox McKelvey, Hetherton; James Morton, Almonte; Robert Robinson, Coldenham; Warnick Patton, Sterling; Willis Edgar, Sterling; Eugene Reed, Sharon.

Notice was taken of the death of a minister's wife, Mrs. Frank L. Stewart, since the last meeting of Synod. Howard Elliott led in the Memorial prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

The report of the Clerk of Synod was taken up as a whole. The recommendations were approved. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF SYNOD TO THE SYNOD OF 1976

The Clerk of the 1975 Synod would respectfully report that he has carried out the duties assigned to him by the Synod. In addition to other correspondance, letters of appreciation were sent to Dr. Clarke, Mr. Bischoff and Mr. Fenchel for the gracious hospitality of Geneva College in entertaining the meetings of the concurrent synods last

year. Letters were written also to the church in Cyprus regarding the actions of the 1975 Synod, and to the synods of our churches in Scotland and Ireland with regard to the 1976 Conference.

The four overtures sent down by the Synod of 1975 to sessions of the church have been sent out in sufficient quantity for each elder to receive a copy. Blanks for the recording of the vote on the overtures were supplied to each Clerk of Session, and are being returned to the Clerk of Synod.

The **1975 Minutes of Synod and Yearbook** was edited by the Clerk, typeset by Patterson Press and printed by Mercury Press. We are pleased that it was available this year at an early date.

Letters were sent to all board and committee chairmen reminding them that reports for Synod are to be in the hands of the Clerk by June 15 for inclusion in the **Digest**. The **Docket** for the 1976 Synod has been prepared by the Clerk, and will be included in the **Digest**. These have been reproduced and mailed by the Board of Education and Publication. The **Docket** will also be reproduced in the Carleton Conference Program. A synopsis of the rules of Synod has also been prepared by the Clerk by recommendation of the Synod of 1975 and has been placed with the **Docket.**

A letter was sent out by the Moderator and Clerk on December 20, 1975 calling the church to prayer and fasting. We are thankful for the response of God's people, and we continue to pray for God's grace and direction as we anticipate His blessing at the Carleton Conference.

Recommendations:

1. That the Order of Business and the hours of meeting in the **Docket** be accepted as the Agenda for this meeting of Synod.
2. That the parliamentarians for this meeting of Synod be E. Clark Copeland, James D. Carson and D. Howard Elliott.
3. That the precentor for this meeting of Synod be Wayne R. Spear.
4. That the Committee on Announcements for this meeting of Synod be Ronald Good and two elders to be announced on August 12.
5. That an offering be taken to help to defray the expenses of this meeting of Synod on Saturday morning immediately following the reading of the Minutes.
6. That the following be referred to the Nominating Committee:
   a. A Committee to Canvass the Vote on the Overtures sent down by the Synod of 1975.
   b. A Committee on Arrangements and Devotions for the 1977 Synod.
   c. A Committee on Time and Place for the 1978 Synod.
   d. An Alternate to preach the retiring Moderator's sermon for the 1977 Synod.

e. Those to whom and by whom letters of remembrance should be sent. (1974 Minutes, p. 60)
f. Delegates: to NAE Convention, and to serve as Synod's member on NAE Board of Administration.
g. Those to be elected to fill vacancies on Synod's boards and permanent committees.

7. That Special Resolutions coming before the Synod be handled in the same manner as papers:
   a. That items such as recognition of service or telegrams to those who are ill be dealt with immediately.
   b. That items needing deliberation be referred to an appropriate board or committee.
   c. That following the deadline for the submission of papers a two-thirds vote of the Synod will be necessary to receive a Special Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce C. Stewart
Clerk of Synod

Paper One from the Pacific Coast Presbytery concerning the parity of ruling and teaching elders was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Paper Two, concerning the appeal of Mr. Sava regarding the decision to transfer the American Academy in Larnica, Cyprus to the American Academy Alumni Foundation, was presented to the Synod through Bruce Stewart and referred to a special Committee appointed by the Nominating Committee.

Paper Three from the Topeka Session through Midwest Presbytery, concerning the matter of elder representation at Synod was referred to the special Committee on the Officers of the Church for study.

Paper Four from Midwest Presbytery concerning the intent of fraternal relations with other denominations was referred to the Committee on Interchurch Correspondence and Study.

Paper Five from Midwest Presbytery concerning vow number nine was referred to a special study committee to be appointed by the Nominating Committee.

Paper Six from Pittsburgh Presbytery concerning the report of the Committee on the Questions on Covenanting was read. The order of the day Monday afternoon following the reading of the minutes was set for the committee to report.

Paper Seven from Pittsburgh Presbytery regarding the reconsideration of the report of the Committee on Ordination Vows Binding of the Conscience was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Paper Eight from Pittsburgh Presbytery concerning financial

assistance for seminary student, Robert Miller, was referred back to Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Paper Nine from Pittsburgh Presbytery concerning the procedure for conducting overtures was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Paper Ten from Iowa Presbytery concerning the appointing of a committee for the promotion of the doctrine of the Kingship of Christ was referred to the Board of Education and Publication.

A resolution presented to the 1975 Synod by Duncan Lowe (pg. 110, 149 of the 1975 minutes of Synod) was made the order of the day following the break Monday morning at 10:15.

The ceremony for granting the autonomy of the Cyprus Church was set as the order of the day following the report of the Board of Foreign Missions Saturday morning.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees:

APPOINTMENTS BY MODERATOR

Nominations
Kenneth Smith, Chr.
Paul Faris
James Wright, (2)
Willard McMillan, (2)
Ed Roby, (1)
Reed Hindman, (1)

Courtesy
Ren Wright
Bruce Backensto

Judicial
James Carson, Chr.
Robert McMillan
Ray Joseph
Roy Adams
Wendell Spear
Donald Willson

Resolutions
John Tweed
David Burke
Ralph Joseph

TO EXAMINE RECORDS OF PRESBYTERY

Iowa
Arlan Ramsay
Tom Price
Willie Brown

Midwest
Charles Sterrett
Toshio Masunaga
Paul Mathews

Pacific Coast
G. M. Robb
Tom Burns
David Bennett

Pittsburgh
J. Paul McCracken
Phil Kennedy
Shigeru Takiura

New York
Glenn McFarland
David Burke
Roy Leino

Ohio-Illinois
Kermit Edgar
Russell James
Ernest McKeown
Bruce Stewart

Japan Commission
Robert Fullerton
Howard Huizing
Robert McCrory

S. Lawrence
Marion McFarland
John White
Orville Shoop

Cyprus Commission
David Carson
Don Gouge
Joe Copeland

The report of G. M. Robb, the fraternal delegate to the Synod of the Eureka Classes of the Reformed Church in the United States was read and appears in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The report of E. Clark Copeland, the fraternal delegate to the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church was read and appears in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The report of James Wright, the fraternal delegate to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in America was read.

The Stated Clerk's Report was taken up, corrected, and adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK
For the Year Ending December 31, 1975

As of December 31, 1975 there are 7 Presbyteries, 67 Congregations and 4 Mission Stations, 98 Ministers, 16 Theological Students, 4,196 Communicant Members, 2,800 average attendance in Sabbath School, 322 enrolled in Young People's Societies, 11 Missionaries, 57 Parsonages, 280 Elders, and 265 Deacons. This includes the Foreign Fields with 4 Congregations that have 143 Communicant Members, 34 Baptized Members, and 2 Ministers.

CONGREGATIONS

There are 63 Congregations in the home field, the same as last year. The Bethel and Old Bethel Congregations merged to form the Sparta Congregation on 1/1/75 and the Ogemaw Congregation was organized on 2/2/75. Other works under the control of Presbyteries are Hays, Kansas (Midwest Presytery), Easton, Montclair and White Lake (New York Presbytery), Anchorage (Pacific Coast Presbytery - Seattle Session), Union Mission (Pittsburgh Presbytery), and Rochester (St. Lawrence Presbytery). The Walnut Mission was closed on 12/9/75.

MINISTERS
(as of 12/31/75)

	Total 1974	Total 1975	Pastors	Mission-aries	Other Church Work	Retired	Other
Iowa	4	4	4				
Midwest	26	25	11	2		4	8
New York	7	8	8				
Ohio-Illinois	14	13	8				5
Pacific Coast	9	8	5			1	2
Pittsburgh	35	34	9	1	14	9	1
St. Lawrence	6	4	4				
Foreign Miss.	2	2	2				
Totals	103	98	51	3	14	14	16

ORDAINED & INSTALLED, 1975

William Cornell	Broomall	08/08/75	(Assoc. Paster)
Robert Ulrich	Belle Center	12/12/75	

INSTALLED, 1975

Kenneth G. Smith	Covenant Fellowship	01/16/75
G. M. Robb	Lake Reno	09/18/75
Robert Morrow	Sparta	09/27/75
J. Renwick Wright	Winchester	11/12/75

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP

Eurie Hays Smith	Midwest Presbytery	09/15/75

RELEASED FROM PASTORAL CHARGES

Luther B. McFarland	Hebron	02/01/75
Robert W. McMillan	Seattle	04/07/75
Lee P. Bittner, III	Hetherton	05/15/75
Robert B. Vincent	Park City	07/ /75
Robert More, Jr.	Almonte	07/31/75
Marion L. McFarland	Lawrence	08/15/75
Keith E. Copeland	Four Mile	08/05/75
J. Renwick Wright	Geneva	10/31/75
Kenneth A. McBurney	Denison	12/31/75

MINISTERS DISMISSED FROM THE ROLL

Robert B. Vincent—Suspended -Received By Another Denomination	07/15/75
Keith E. Copeland	08/05/75
Robert A. Milliken	10/31/75
Verd V. Dunn	03/10/75

MINISTERS REMOVED BY DEATH

R. H. McKelvy	03/06/75
Claude C. Brown	09/17/75
Cloyd E. Caskey	07/22/75
C. T. Carson	07/14/76

LICENTIATES

Philip Beard
Timothy Brown
John A. Delivuk
Larry Falk
Robert Henniger
J. Edward Hindman
Ronald Stegall

MINISTERS DEPOSED

David R. Armstrong	12/13/75

MEMBERSHIP

Total Church Membership is 5,375 (down 70 from last year) consisting of 98 Ministers, 4,099 Communicant Members and 1,178 Baptized Members.

Presbyteries reporting an increase in membership are New York and the Cyprus and Japan Fields.

Presbyteries reporting a decrease in membership are Iowa, Midwest, Ohio-Illinois, Pacific Coast, Pittsburgh, and St. Lawrence.

The increase in the Japan Field is actually a two year figure as the 1974 figures were not available last year.

FINANCES

The Church requested through Synod's Budget $283,350 to carry on the work for the year ended 12/31/75. $283,350 was distributed but the amount received was $10,684 short of the amount needed, so $10,684 more is needed in 1976 to balance the budget. $3,835 was the balance forwarded from the 1974 Budget, $57,997 was received from Undesignated Funds, $177,914 was contributed by congregations, $23,198 by the Women's Synodical Missionary Society, and $9,722 was contributed by individuals. Congregational giving was up 11% over 1974 and individual giving was up 61%. $210,834. 4,054 communicant members in the home fields equals $52.01 per member which is up $4.03 over last year.

Congregational Treasurers (Home Fields) reported receipts of $1,595,701 which included $57,557 in aid and disbursements of $1,649,034. $1,595,701 less $57,557 leaves $1,538,144 which divided by 4,054 communicant members equals $379.41 per member, which is up $43.70 from last year.

ADDENDA

INSTALLED

Thomas Price	Four Mile	07/30/76
D. Raymond McCracken	Minneola	04/14/76
Marion L. McFarland	Ogemaw	04/28/76
David Burke	Hetherton	07/30/76

ORDAINED

Thomas Price	07/30/76
Shigeru Takiura	01/11/76
Nobuo Miwa	01/11/76
David Burke	07/30/76

RELEASED FROM PASTORAL CHARGES

C. Ted Grayson	Hot Springs	04/29/76
David R. Patterson	Clarinda	06/01/76

PASTORS REMOVED BY DEATH

J. Burt Willson	02/13/76

LICENTIATES

David Burke
Paul Copeland
Donald Piper
Thomas Price
George Huber
David Peachy
Robert Rice

CONGREGATIONS FORMED

Hays, Kansas 06/16-76

Respectfully submitted,

Louis D. Hutmire
Stated Clertk

It was moved that the Stated Clerk include in his report an estimated average attendance at morning worship services. The motion carried.

Alvin Smith, Jr., pastor in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the fraternal delegate of the Presbyterian Church in America, addressed the court, bringing greetings from that denomination.

Roger J. Buining, Pastor in Twin Cities, the fraternal delegate of the Christian Reformed Church in America, addressed the Synod bringing fraternal greetings from that denomination

Dr. Peter Stam, elder emeritus of a congregation in St. Louis, the fraternal delegate of the Reformed Presbyterian Church Evangelical Synod, addressed the synod bringing fraternal greetings from that denomination.

The report of the Trustees of Synod was presented. The recommendations were taken up. Item 1 was referred to the Nominating Committee, Item 2 was referred to the Finance Committee. Item 3 was adopted. Items 4 and 5 were referred to the Finance Committee. The report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD 1975 ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America held three regular meetings and one special meeting since our report to the last meeting of Synod. Our meetings are held at Geneva College and last the whole day, and sometimes committee meetings are held the previous day.

The current officers of the Board are: John M. Mitchell, President, Stewart M. Lee, Vice President, and Louis D. Hutmire, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Investment Committee handles the Securities Portfolio as itemized in the Audit Report which is distributed each year at Synod. McKee-Harrison, Inc. of Indianapolis is our securities portfolio investment advisor for the sixth year. This year the David Gregg, David Gailey, George M. Reed, North Hills Congregation and the Carlisle Fund securities were combined with the "Pool" Securities. This means that all securities (with two exceptions) are owned by the "Pooled" Investments. This simplifies the bookwork involved in buying and selling securities, and gives a more equitable distribution of income to each account.

The Building Loan Committee issued loans to four pastors, two congregations and one new work during 1975, for an aggregate total of $65,938. One loan has been made in 1976. The Fund as of December 31, 1975 had $253,096 in loans and a cash balance of $9,478 for total assets of $262,574, which compares to $255,638 as of December 31, 1974. For further details, see the Treasurer's Report.

The Stewardship Committee reports that $272,666 was raised to meet Synod's Budget for 1975 of $283,350, $10,684 short of the goal. Below are the receipts listed by presbyteries:

	Total		$ Per Communicant Member	
Presbyteries	**1974**	**1975**	**1974**	**1975**
Iowa	$ 13,282	$11,548	$42.71	$36.31
Midwest	37,299	42,167	36.07	41.59
New York	13,966	14,413	36.09	40.49
Ohio-Illinois	26,962	33,335	36.09	44.75
Pacific Coast	11,839	12,848	32.17	36.29
Pittsburgh	46,846	53,260	41.68	46.84
St. Lawrence	10,058	10,343	41.05	42.22
Total Pres.	**160,252**	**117,914**	**38.04**	**42.68**
Women's Synodical	37,555	23,198		
Undesignated Funds of Synod	36,000	57,997		
Individuals	6,028	9,722		
Beginning Balance		3,835		
TOTAL	**$239,835**	**$272,666**		

It is encouraging to see that congregational giving increased by $17,662 from 1974 to 1975, and individual contributions made directly to Synod's Budget increased by $3,694. One should keep in mind that although the Women's Synodical contributions are down from 1974 to 1975, their 1974 contributions were about double their

normal giving due to a change in policy. The Women's Synodical are now contributing all of their Thankofferings to the Foreign and Home Mission Boards via Synod's Budget. Two-thirds going to the Foreign Mission Board and one-third to the Home Mission Board. Previously they paid the salaries and fringe benefits for Women Missionaries. Therefore, their 1975 contribution was greater than their previous average.

The 1976 Budget is $268,000 which is $15,350 less than the 1975 Budget, but $57,997 was available from Synod's Undesignated Funds in 1975 and only $16,008.36 is available so far this year. There is at least one request for a portion of this. Therefore, it appears that the full amount of $268,000 will need to be raised through contributions this year. Assuming that we would receive $10,000 in individual contributions and $25,000 from the Women's Synodical, then $233,000 will be needed from congregations to balance our 1976 Budget. This means that we need an average contribution of about $56.00 per communicant member in 1976 to balance the 1976 Budget, which is $14.00 more than the average in 1975. In the past few years the Lord has provided the funds needed to balance Synod's Budget through undesignated bequests. The Lord may do so again, but at this time, we do not have any knowledge of any undesignated bequests.

We are thankful to the Lord for meeting our needs in 1975 and as we look at 1976 and 1977, we see His hand at work. Some designated bequests have been received or are in the process that have helped boards to balance their 1975 and 1976 budgets. Two bequests were received furing 1975, Miss Mary Adams, Kansas, $15,593.66 which was undesignated, and Mrs. Margaret Copeland, Colorado, $2,000.00, which was divided between the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board. Other bequests being processed are the Anna M. Johnson Estate for the Foreign Mission Board, Mrs. Lulu Caskey for the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, and Mrs. Dorothy M. Heinitz for the Seminary.

The Trustees have been working with the Foreign Mission Board in the processing of the disposition of the properties in Cyprus. The president, John M. Mitchell, went to Cyprus in June, 1975 with Robert Henning to expedite the leasing of the Larnaca School Property to the American Academy Alumni Foundation. The lease is for up to four years with negotiations continuing to transfer the property to the Foundation. In addition to the lease, funds of about £24,245 were transferred to bank accounts in the name of the Trustees of Synod. These funds are being used in Cyprus to fulfill our responsibilities. The Board is still involved in negotiating a lease for the Nicosia Academy. This work is very time consuming and the Board wishes to thank our president, John Mitchell, for the time he has contributed to this particular work.

We would like to remind the pastors and full-time employees of the church that there is a Blue Cross/Blue Shield Hospitalization group available to them. There are currently 49 subscribers to this plan and the coverage is much better than an individual can get. For further details, contact the Treasurer's Office.

A Church Travel Insurance policy is maintained. This gives automatic coverage to individuals traveling on church business for any work of Synod or Presbytery, including Synod and Presbytery meetings. Also, all those that traveled to this national conference are covered from the time they leave home until they return home. Part of this year's premium is built into the registration fee (for further details, see the 1972 Minutes of Synod, Pages 148-149).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That sucessors to Francis Buck, Louis D. Hutmire, and John Mitchell, whose terms expire at this meeting of Synod, be chosen. Also that a successor to fill the unexpired term of David Armstrong, be chosen.
2. That the 1975 Annual Treasurer's Report be approved and spread on the Minutes of Synod.
3. That the 1975 Audit Report be distributed and received for information.
4. That the Undesignated Funds of Synod as of July 30, 1976 (about $16,008) be distributed as follows: $3,000.00 to Synod's Graduate Study Fund and the balance be contributed to the 1976 Synod's Budget.
5. That the Graduate Study Fund be included in Synod's Budget for 1977.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis D. Hutmire
Secretary

1975 ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF THE
REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

TRIAL BALANCE
DECEMBER 31, 1975

Control Account	Debit	Credit
Cash	$ 50,199.04	
Securities	2,170,262.69	
General Mortgages	106,267.46	
Real Estate, Bldg. & Fixtures	158,100.00	
Cash, Restricted	3,230.11	
Notes Receivable	6,723.99	
Dollar Savings Bank	10,693.20	
Hospitalization	836.59	
Building Loan Mortgages	253,096.07	
Building Loan Investments		$ 253,096.07
Endowments		1,304,398.46
Temporary Investments		2,427.17
Annuities		68,839.98
Undistributed Funds of Synod		18,802.05
Misc. Invested Funds		165,291.55
Profit & Loss		549,854.26
General Bequests		94,645.50
Equity, Real Estate		158,100.00
Synod's Budget	10,683.57	
Current Acct., Budget Organ.		12,898.51
Current Acct., Non-Budget Organ.		133,143.51
Current Acct., Restricted Income		8,593.82
Gross Income		1.84
Pension Plan "B" Investments		86,365.56
Pension Plan "B" Securities	86,365.56	
	$2,856,458.28	$2,856,458.28

( ) Indicates Debit Account

CONTROL & THEIR SUBSIDIARY ACCOUNTS

CONTROL ACCOUNT Subsidiary Account	Balance 1-1-75	Debits	Credits	Balance 12-31-75
CASH	**$(35,385.92)**	**$1,057,361.76**	**$1,042,548.64**	**$(50,199.04)**
SECURITIES				
Pool	(1,499,878.57)	645,987.18	172,851.40	(1,973,014.35)
Geneva College	(43,685.93)		43,685.93	-0-
Jayne M. L. Smith	(93,154.68)			(93,154.68)
Pension Plan "A"	(110,520.50)	15,785.00	22,211.84	(104,093.66)
David Gregg	(218,863.97)	51,903.13	270,767.10	-0-
David Gailey	(112,038.27)	18,360.00	130,398.27	-0-
North Hills Congregation	(9,822.01)		9,822.01	-0-
Total	**(2,087,963.93)**	**732,035.31**	**649,736.55**	**(2,170,262.69)**
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE				
Cretors & Company	**(1,469.24)**	**127,173.37)**	**128,642.61**	**-0-**
GENERAAL MORTGAGES	**(106,892.98)**	**9,000.00**	**9,625.52**	**(106,267.46)**
REAL ESTATE & FIXTURES				
Southern Mission	(8,225.00)			(8,225.00)
Seminary	(149,875.00)			(149,875.00)
Total	**(158,100.00)**			**(158,100.00)**
CASH, RESTRICTED	**(3,166.36)**	**63.75**		**(3,230.11)**
NOTES RECEIVABLE				
Student Aid Loans	(3,800.00)	500.00		(4,300.00)
E&P Loan Receivable	(3,099.53)		675.54	(2,423.99)
Total	**(6,899.53)**	**500.00**	**675.54**	**(6,723.99)**
WILMOTH FUND, SEMINARY	**(10,381.74)**	**311.46**		**(10,693.20)**
FICA & WITHHOLDING TAX		**17,251.70**	**17,251.70**	

CONTROL ACCOUNT Subsidiary Account	Balance 1-1-75	Debits	Credits	Balance 12-31-75
WAGE & SCHOOL TAX		**$ 554.49**	**$ 554.49**	
PA. STATE INCOME TAX		**1,082.51**	**1,082.51**	
HOSPITALIZATION	**$(1,290.12)**	**27,260.34**	**27,713.87**	**$(836.59)**
MORTGAGES REC., BUILDING LOAN	**(241,350.61)**	**65,938.00**	**54,192.54**	**(253,096.07)**
INVESTMENTS, BUILDING LOAN		**241,350.61**		**11,745.46**
				253,096.07
ENDOWMENTS				
Pool	5,012.13			5,012.13
Geneva College	262,552.30	20,281.93	26,931.86	269,202.23
Foreign Missions	175,774.93			175,774.93
Home Missions	94,700.79			94,700.79
Southern Mission	15,725.24			15,725.24
Seminary	114,749.73			114,749.73
Milne McQuiston Scholarship	12,748.75			12,748.75
Ministerial Relief	55,859.58			55,859.58
Student Aid	17,500.00			17,500.00
Pension Plan "A"	42,000.00			42,000.00
Witness Committee	2,883.34			2,883.34
Aged Peoples Home	72,596.90			72,596.90
Building Loan	4,305.00			4,305.00
Widows & Orphans	34,221.17			34,221.17
Education & Publication	15,440.61			15,440.61
David Gregg	248,703.70	20,140.50	68,942.03	297,505.23
John Luckey	2,694.83			2,694.83
J. J. McClurkin	100.00			100.00
Elizabeth Carlisle			55,828.00	55,828.00
Eliza Ann Sloan	15,500.00			15,500.00
American Bible Society	50.00			50.00
Total	**1,193,119.00**	**40,422.43**	**151,701.89**	**1,304,398.46**

CONTROL & THEIR SUBSIDIARY ACCOUNTS

CONTROL ACCOUNT / Subsidiary Account	Balance 1-1-75	Debits	Credits	Balance 12-31-75
TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS				
Milne McQuistor, Seminary	$ 500.00	$ 500.00		-0-
S. R. Wills	2,427.17			$ 2,427.17
North Hills Congregation	3,800.00	3,800.00		-0-
Total	**6,727.17**	**4,300.00**		**2,427.17**
ANNUITY FUNDS	**68,838.32**	**51.00**	**$ 52.66**	**68,839.98**
UNDESIGNATED FUNDS OF SYNOD				
Undesignated Funds	70,684.43	71,034.43	764.70	414.70
Contingent Account	18,174.72			18,174.72
R. A. Blair Home	(3,712.32)	167.64	170.68	(3,709.28)
Pine Creek Church Property	(160.00)	840.00	1,000.00	-0-
Bear Run-Mahoning Ch. Prop.	(27.43)	116.20	4,065.54	3,921.91
Total	**84,959.40**	**72,158.27**	**6,000.92**	**18,802.05**
MISCELLANEOUS INVESTED FUNDS				
Foreign Missions	6,359.65	5,137.80	2,645.03	3,866.88
Student Aid	3,800.00		500.00	4,300.00
Pension Plan "A"	111,264.99	7,066.70		104,198.29
Seminary Scholarship	10,381.74	375.47	686.93	10,693.20
Education & Publication	3,099.53	675.54		2,423.99
Pittsburgh Presbytery	1,447.70			1,447.70
Emma Elliott Missionary Soc.	3,000.00		3,800.00	6,800.00
North Hills Congregation	10,000.00	1,972.01		8,027.99
Belle Center Congregation	7,433.50			7,433.50
Iowa Presbytery	700.00			700.00
Wilkinsburg Congregation	500.00			500.00
New Alexandria Congregation	4,200.00			4,200.00
Union Congregation	1,000.00			1,000.00
Bethel Congregation	500.00			500.00
Broomall Congregation	5,000.00			5,000.00
Montclair Congregation	500.00			500.00
Allegheny Congregation	$ 1,700.00			$ 1,700.00
Isaac & Jemima Kitchen	1,000.00			1,000.00
Samuel & N. K. Patterson	1,000.00			1,000.00
Total	**172,887.11**	**$ 15,227.52**	**$ 7,631.95**	**165,291.50**
PROFIT & LOSS				
Pool	606,218.38	115,529.57	59,165.45	549,854.25
Pension Plan "A"		7,066.70	7,066.70	
David Gregg		31,346.81	31,346.81	
David Gailey		20,915.15	20,915.15	
Total	**606,218.38**	**174,858.23**	**118,494.11**	**549,854.25**
BEQUESTS				
Helen Gault		334.40	334.40	
Anna M. Johnson		1,230.56	1,230.55	
Jayne M. L. Smith	92,645.50			92,645.50
Ina Jane Plumb Dudley		414.70	414.70	
Anna C. McCullough	2,000.00	105.68	105.68	2,000.00
Total	**94,645.50**	**2,085.34**	**2,085.34**	**94,645.50**
EQUITY, REAL ESTATE				
Southern Mission	8,225.00			8,225.00
Seminary	149,875.00			149,875.00
Total	**158,100.00**			**158,100.00**
POOL DIVIDEND ACCOUNT		**135,724.10**	**135,724.10**	
POOL INTEREST ACCOUNT		**6,425.42**	**6,425.42**	
OFFICE EXPENSE		**34,979.87**	**34,979.87**	
SYNOD'S BUDGET	**3,835.28**	**282,399.38**	**268,880.53**	**(10,683.57)**

CONTROL & THEIR SUBSIDIARY ACCOUNTS

CONTROL ACCOUNT / Subsidiary Account	Balance 1-1-75	Debits	Credits	Balance 12-31-75
CURRENT ACCOUNT, BUDGET ORGANIZATIONS				
Geneva		$ 49,333.42	$ 49,333.42	
Foreign Missions	$(6,574.74)	141,020.48	130,794.70	$(16,800.52)
Home Missions	12,003.55	69,706.57	66,514.99	8,811.97
Seminary	(795.57)	98,418.69	97,065.29	(2,148.97)
Ministerial Relief	(18,945.22)		18,945.22	-0-
Student Aid	4,238.27	4,238.27		-0-
Pension Plan	(386.93)	57,935.01	77,705.96	19,384.02
Witness Committee	304.70	10,926.02	12,036.81	1,415.49
Women's Association		11,416.62	11,416.62	
Building Loan	14,287.75	14,287.75		-0-
Widows & Orphans	(24,265.92)		24,265.92	-0-
Education & Publication	864.35	58,510.99	61,959.74	4,313.10
Corporators, Geneva	(111.73)	216.66	350.00	21.61
Miscellaneous Fund	(847.03)	21,083.24	19,832.08	(2,098.19)
Total	**(20,228.52)**	**537,093.72**	**570,220.75**	**12,989.51**
CURRENT ACCOUNT, NON-BUDGET				
F. M. B. Accomodation Account	717.00	3,169.65	2,879.65	427.00
F. M. B. Perm. Revolving	4,609.83	6,869.48	2,402.65	143.00
F. M. B. Car Account	540.01	500.00		40.01
F. M. B. Work Among Chinese	3,836.25	3,836.25		-0-
Southern Mission	3,208.29	11,540.35	12,817.04	4,484.98
Seminary Petty Cash	25.00			25.00
Seminary Pension Fund	6,270.82		1,380.22	7,651.04
Seminary Dining Club	114.28	3,286.95	3,435.31	262.64
Student Aid		9,462.35	7,344.24	(2,118.11)
Pension Plan "A"		143,092.65	243,736.09	100,643.44
Building Loan		11,764.85	21,243.05	9,478.20
Ed. & Pub. Revolv. Fund	13,041.67	29,851.99	25,190.96	8,380.64
Temperance	579.97		113.98	693.95
Pittsburgh Presbytery	325.51	7,695.52	9,717.69	2,347.68
National Reform Assoc.		417.75	417.75	
American Bible Society		$ 77.37	$ 77.37	
Graduate Study Fund	$ 2,237.69	2,215.40	661.75	$ 684.04
Total	**35,506.32**	**233,780.56**	**331,417.75**	**133,143.51**
CURRENT ACCOUNT, RESTRICTED INCOME				
Sundries Account		2,949.14	2,949.14	
Jayne M. L. Smith Income		4,872.36	4,872.36	
Milne McQuiston Interest	2,882.23		624.34	3,506.57
Pension Plan "A" Income		5,763.82	5,763.82	
North Hills Congregation		471.95	471.95	
Emma Elliott Miss. Society		322.89	322.89	
John Luckey Interest		111.91	111.91	
J. J. McClurkin Interest	210.67		4.00	214.67
Viola Coleman Interest	58.50			58.50
Carlisle Fund Income		3,282.00	3,282.00	
Eliza A. Sloan Interest	3,781.78	835.00	1,867.30	4,814.08
Total	**6,933.18**	**18,609.07**	**20,269.71**	**8,593.82**
CURRENT FUNDS, INTEREST & ANNUITIES		**7,027.37**	**7,027.37**	
GROSS INCOME ACCOUNT	8.68			8.68
Jayne M. L. Smith		4,580.01	4,872.36	292.35
Pool Dividend Income			169,185.18	169,185.18
Pool Interest			6,425.42	6,425.42
Bequests		2,057.42	2,057.42	
Pension Plan "A" Income		5,256.36	5,256.36	
Wage & School Tax			2.20	2.20
Office Expense		34,936.77		(34,936.77)
Annuity Interest		3,136.94		(3,136.94)
Temp. Invest. Interest		662.89		(662.89)
Fixed Income Accts.		79.00		(79.00)
Pooled Distribution		137,096.39		(137,096.39)
Total	**8.68**	**187,805.78**	**187,798.94**	**1.84**

CONTROL ACCOUNT Subsidiary Account	Balance 1-1-75	Debits	Credits	Balance 12-31-75
PENSION PLAN "B" INVESTMENTS			$86,365.55	$ 86,365.56
PENSION PLAN "B" SECURITIES		$ 86,365.56		(86,365.56)

BUILDING LOAN FUND
1975 ANNUAL REPORT

	Actual
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1975	**$ 14,287.75**
RECEIPTS:	
Interest	4,392.55
Pine Creek Church Property	665.00
Endowment Interest	720.27
David Gregg Income	1,165.98
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**6,943.80**
CASH AVAILABLE	**21,231.55**
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Investment Account	11,745.46
Canadian Check Exchange	7.89
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**11,753.35**
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1975	**$ 9,478.20**
BUILDING LOAN ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1975	**$241,350.61**
RECEIPTS, Repayment of Principal	54,192.54
	187,158.07
New Mortgages:	
Bruce Hemphill	8,000.00
Glenn McFarland	7,000.00
Ralph Joseph	5,000.00
Hetherton Congregation	938.00
Hays Fellowship	20,000.00
Kenneth Smith	10,000.00
W. Lafayette Congregation	15,000.00
Total New Mortgages	**65,938.00**
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1975	**$253,096.07**
BUILDING LOAN INVESTMENTS	
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1975	**$241,350.61**
RECEIPTS, Current Account	**11,745.46**
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1975	**$253,096.07**
BUILDING LOAN ENDOWMENTS	
BALANCE	**$ 4,305.00**

BOARD OF EDUCATION & PUBLICATION
1975 ANNUAL REPORT

CURRENT ACCOUNT

	Budget	Actual
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1975	$ 864	$ 864.35
RECEIPTS:		
Covenanter Witness:		
Subscriptions	9,200	9,856.82
Advertising	300	91.20
Total Cov. Wit.	9,500	9,948.02
Other:		
Loan Repayment	825	825.00
Endowments	1,000	1,004.12
Synod's Budget	44,000	44,000.00
Undes. Fds. of Synod	5,668	5,668.00
Total Other	51,493	51,497.12
TOTAL RECEIPTS	60,993	61,445.14
CASH AVAILABLE	61,857	62,309.49
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	61,857	57,996.39
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1975	-0-	$ 4,313.10
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Board:		
Travel		2,500.50
Miscellaneous		319.42
Total Board	2,500	2,819.92
Education:		
Audiovisual	25	
Miscellaneous (incl. Moving)	1,300	728.93
Salaries	4,368	3,643.54
Housing	1,134	1,274.95
Social Security	90	53.75
Travel & Expense	1,000	700.80
Hospitalization	330	356.50
Office Rent	175	75.00
Total Education	8,422	6,833.48
Publication:		
Salaries	15,715	16,830.48
Housing	3,400	3,400.00
Social Security	395	428.69
Hospitalization	1,625	1,140.65
Rent	2,100	2,160.00
Telephone	750	832.46
Postage	400	
Supplies	700	704.56
Equipment	1,000	635.14
Insurance	100	96.00
Blue Banner	600	
Miscellaneous	500	402.79
Total Publication	27,285	26,630.77

CURRENT ACCOUNT (Cont.)

	Budget	Actual
Covenanter Witness:		
Printing	$19,000	$18,589.20
Screens & Halftones	1,000	387.13
Addressograph	300	147.17
Postage	750	632.00
Art Services	600	305.57
Total Covenanter Witness	**21,650**	**20,061.07**
Revolving Fund, Minutes	**2,000**	**1,651.15**
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**$61,857**	**$57,996.39**

E&P REVOLVING FUND

BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1975	**$13,041.67**
RECEIPTS:	
General	20,189.40
Postage	811.98
Minutes of Synod	3,442.00
Audiovisual Rental	10.00
Witness Committee, Psalter Selections	500.00
Misc., Sale of Materials	61.58
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**25,014.96**
CASH ALAILABLE	**38,056.63**
DISBURSEMENTS:	
General	5,850.06
Postage	1,808.63
Materials	1,526.92
Psalter Printing	14,834.00
Psalter Record	1,990.65
Equipment	82.35
Art Services	130.68
Miscellaneous	10.70
Minutes of Synod	3,442.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**29,675.99**
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31,1975	**$ 8,380.64**

OTHER E&P ACCOUNTS

	Bal. 1-1-75	Credits	Debits	Bal. 12-31-75
ENDOWMENTS:				
Education & Public	$15,440.61			$15,440.61
Witness Work	2,883.34			2,883.34
INVESTMENTS	3,099.53		$275.54	2,423.99
LOAN RECEIVABLE	(3,099.53)	$675.54		(2,423.99)

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD
1975 ANNUAL REPORT

CURRENT ACCOUNT

	Budget	Actual	
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1975	**$ (6,575)**	**$ (6,574,74)**	
RECEIPTS:			
Synod's Budget	75,000	75,000.00	
Endowment Income	33,000	32,585.37	
Investment Income	2,200	1,817.19	
Bequests	12,000	1,223.78	
Work Among Chinese	2,803	3,836.25	
Miscellaneous	500	165.64	
Undes. Fds. of Synod	16,764	6,574.00	
Keiyaku Church	6,000	3,500.00	
Gifts		1,121.73	
Deputation (Net)		538.95	
Per. Revolv. Fund		1,966.56	
Cyprus Funds		1,902.92	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**148,267**	**130,232.39**	
CASH AVAILABLE	**141,692**	**123,657.65**	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**141,692**	**140,458.17**	
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31,1975	**-0-**	**$(16,800.52)**	**O/D**
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Cyprus, Salaries	28,004	28,975.46	
Field Budget		614.33	
Housing, Vac., F.A.	3,315	4,067.15	
Travel	4,000	4,060.29	
Other	1,800	7,964.88	
Cyprus, Total	**37,119**	**45,682.11**	
Japan, Salaries	47,973	48,144.37	
Field Budget	15,640	15,636.00	
Housing, Vac., F. A.	2,610	2,330.00	
Travel	5,600	4,519.48	
Other		4,000.00	
Outfit Allowance	2,600	2,600.00	
Japan, Total	**74,423**	**77,229.85**	
Home Base:			
Social Security	2,600	2,534.71	
Travel & Hospitality	6,000	5,603.79	
Secretary Allowance	1,500	1,500.00	
Missionary Health Program	2,450	2,504.03	
Missionary Medical	1,000	357.50	
Training	2,000	100.00	
E. F. M. A.	900	674.72	
Board Expense	700	1,417.57	
Miscellaneous	1,000	853.89	
Total Home Base	**18,150**	**15,546.21**	
R. T. F.	**2,000**	**2,000.00**	
New Project Allowance	**10,000**		
Total Disbursements	**$141,692**	**$140,458.17**	

ACCOMODATION ACCOUNT

	Actual
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1975, SYRIAN MISSION	$ 527.00
NEW CHURCH	190.00
TOTAL	717.00
RECEIPTS	2,879.65
CASH AVAILABLE	3,596.65
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Freight Charges	901.12
Travel	100.00
Gifts	377.50
Japan Mission:	
Cash Register	720.00
New Church	140.00
Bookroom	544.30
Mission	35.00
F. M. B., Current Account	251.73
Syrian Mission History	100.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	3,169.65
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1975 (Syrian Mission)	$ 427.00

PERMANENT REVOLVING FUND

BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1975, Perm. Revolv. Fd.	$1,966.56
Cyprus Relief	2,643.27
Total	4,609.83
RECEIPTS:	
Cyprus Relief:	
Newburgh-Coldenham	322.42
Indianapolis	100.00
Allegheny	55.00
Shawnee	100.00
Geneva	50.00
Broomall	48.00
Four Mile	47.00
Rose Point	180.00
Bloomington	35.23
Personal	220.00
W. S. M. S.	215.00
Wilkinsburg	30.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,402.65
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Cyprus Relief	3,902.92
F. M. B., Current Account	1,966.56
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	5,869.48
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1975	$ 143.00

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

	Actual
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1976	$6,359.65
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Masunaga Study Fund:	
Westminster, Tuition & Fees	267.50
Travel	607.79
Books	182.25
Food	240.00
Allowance	400.00
R. P. Seminary, Tuition & Fees	330.00
Total Masunaga Study Fund	1,947.44
Loss, Securities Sold	545.33
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	2,492.77
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1975	$3,866.88

CAR ACCOUNT

BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1975	$ 540.01
DISBURSEMENT, Loan to G. Spear	500.00
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1975	$ 40.01

WORK AMONG CHINESE

BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1975	$3,836.25
DISBURSEMENT, to F. M. B. Current Account	3,836.25
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31,1975	-0-

F. M. B. ENDOWMENT FUNDS, BALANCE, 12-31-75 ..... $175,774.93

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
1975 ANNUAL REPORT

	Budget	Actual
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1975	**$12,003**	**$12,003.55**
RECEIPTS:		
Synod's Budget	46,000	46,000.00
Endowments	20,000	20,139.99
Miscellaneous		375.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**66,000**	**66,514.99**
CASH AVAILABLE	**78,003**	**78,518.54**
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**80,292**	**69,706.57**
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31,1975	**$(2,289)**	**$ 8,811.97**
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Supplements	65,742	62,142.00
Board Expense	300	23.10
Travel	3,000	3,531.47
Church Extension	2,000	
Moving	500	
Placement & Training	4,650	3,950.00
Miscellaneous	500	60.00
Salary	2,200	
Evangelism	1,000	
Publicity	400	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**$80,292**	**$69,706.57**

SOUTHERN MISSION

BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1975	**$ 3,208**	**$ 3,208.29**
RECEIPTS:		
Endowment Income	5,417	5,428.94
Gifts		243.76
Bequest		21.14
W. S. M. S.	6,915	7,123.20
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**12,332**	**12,817.04**
CASH AVAILABLE	**15,540**	**16,025.33**
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**11,932**	**11,540.35**
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31,1975	**$ 3,608**	**$ 4,484.98**
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Selma Cong., Director	2,300	1,916.68
Kindergarten		
Salaries	4,725	4,725.00
Social Security	280	276.83
K. Budget	842	841.92
Total Kindergarten	**5,847**	**5,843.75**
Scholarship:		
Salaries	1,800	1,800.00
Social Security	110	104.92
Miscellaneous	1,439	1,439.04
Total Scholarship	**3,349**	**3,343.96**
Camp	436	435.96
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**$11,932**	**$11,540.35**

OTHER H. M. B. ACCOUNTS

ENDOWMENTS	$94,700.79
SOUTHERN MISSION ENDOWMENTS	$15,725.24

SYNOD'S MISCELLANEOUS FUND
1975 ANNUAL REPORT

	Budget	Annual
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1975	**$(847)**	**$(847.03)**
RECEIPTS:		
Synod's Budget	4,000	4,000.00
Travel Fund	12,000	13,980.70
Synod's Collection	450	959.25
Miscellaneous	232	225.90
Pre-Synodic Conference		153.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**16,682**	**19,318.85**
CASH AVAILABLE	**15,835**	**18,471.82**
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Committee Expense:		
Interchurch Correspondence		705.32
Rewrite Testimony		9.00
Symposium on Worship		13.02
Arrangements		136.00
To Meet With Argos Zodhiates		229.46
Conscience & Vows of Ordination		220.31
Revise Westmenster Standards		200.19
Study Paper No. 12		17.78
Pastor's Salaries		25.68
Pre-Synodic Conference		657.40
Judicial		2.50
Total Committee Expense	**2,000**	**2,216.66**
Synod Expense:		
Clerk		279.80
Duplicating		300.97
Moderator		63.12
Miscellaneous		565.55
Total Synod Expense	**800**	**1,209.44**
Delegate Expense:		
N. A. E.		847.66
N. P. R. F.		110.73
Eureka Classes		171.27
P. C. A.		272.48
Lord's Day Alliance		112.20
Total Delegate Expense	**1,000**	**1,514.34**
R. E. S., Dues & Assessment	**600**	**610.62**
N. A. E., Dues	**500**	**500.00**
Travel Fund	**14,000**	**11,564.25**
Stated Clerk	**50**	**42.00**
Church Travel Insurance	**500**	**495.00**
Synod's Budget Presentations	**1,000**	**417.70**
National Conf. Advance		**2,000.00**
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**20,450**	**20,570.01**
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1975	**$(4,615)**	**$(2,098.19)**

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD
OFFICE EXPENSE
1975 ANNUAL REPORT

	Budget	Actual
RECEIPTS, GROSS INCOME		**$34,936.77**
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Rent	$ 1,800	1,800.00
Supplies	600	413.99
Equipment	500	166.16
Telephone	900	1,130.42
Postage	700	434.30
Rental, Safe Deposit Box	30	33.00
Surety Bond & Insurance	385	160.00
Publications	50	61.15
Miscellaneous	300	28.50
Salaries:		
Salaries	18,180	18,180.00
Social Security	1,065	1,063.44
Hospitalization	755	809.17
Board:		
Professional Services	3,000	2,976.00
Delegate to Synod	75	56.00
Travel	2,000	2,893.44
Investment Counselor	4,600	4,600.00
Stewardship Committee	500	131.20
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**$35,440**	**$34,936.77**

BOARD OF PENNSIONS
1975 ANNUAL REPORT

PENSION PLAN "A" CURRENT ACCOUNT

	Budget	Actual
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1975	$(62,308)	$(62,307.80)
RECEIPTS:		
Endowment Income	13,450	13,698.13
A. C. McCullough		21.14
Gregg Fund	1,130	1,165.98
Investment Income	8,000	5,256.36
Sale of Policies	200,000	220,128.34
Designated Contribution		3,466.14
TOTAL RECEIPTS	222,580	243,736.09
CASH AVAILABLE	160,272	181,428.29
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	156,000	80,784.85
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31,1975	$ 4,272	$100,643.44
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Pension Payments	70,000	68,589.40
Insurance Premiums	1,000	1,658.18
Short Term Investments	85,000	
Miscellaneous		7,071.01
Supplement		3,466.26
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$156,000	$ 80,784.85

PENSION PLAN "A" SECURITIES (Ledger Value)

BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1975	$110,520.50
PURCHASED:	
U. S. Treasury Notes, 6 7/8	15,785.00
SOLD	
Southern Company, 800 Shares	15,305.90
U. S. Treasury Notes, 6 7/8	6,905.94
Total Sold	22,211.84
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1975	$104,093.66

PENSION PLAN "A" SECURITIES INCOME

RECEIPTS	$ 5,256.36

PENSION PLAN "A" OTHER ACCOUNTS

	Ledger Value
MINISTERIAL RELIEF ENDOWMENT	$ 55,859.58
PENSION PLAN ENDOWMENT	42,000.00
WIDOWS & ORPHANS	34,221.17
PENSION PLAN INVESTMENTS	111,264.99
PENSION PLAN PROFIT & LOSS	(7,066.70)
P. P. Invest. Less Loss	104,198.29
TOTAL LEDGER	$236,279.04

PENSION PLAN "B" CURRENT ACCOUNT

	Budget	Actual
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1975	**$18,710**	**$18,709.73**
RECEIPTS:		
Synod's Budget	22,000	22,000.00
Assessments, Personal	17,500	14,775.29
Assessments, Congregational	21,000	21,075.08
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**60,500**	**57,850.37**
CASH AVAILABLE	**79,210**	**76,560.10**
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**54,600**	**57,176.08**
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1975	**$24,610**	**$19,384.02**
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Travel	2,000	813.82
Board Expense	500	543.17
Professional Services	1,000	
Investments, Plan "B"	42,100	46,480.11
Insurance Premiums	9,000	9,338.98
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**$54,600**	**$57,176.08**

PENSION PLAN "B" INVESTMENTS

BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1975	**$37,990.90**
ADDITIONS	
Fee for 1974	1,894.55
Investments	46,480.11
TOTAL ADDITIONS	**48,374.66**
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1975	**$86,365.56**

PENSION PLAN "B" SECURITIES

Franklin Growth Funds	$86,365.56

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
1975 ANNUAL REPORT

CURRENT ACCOUNT

	Budget	Actual
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1975	**$(795)**	**$(795.57)**
RECEIPTS:		
Synod's Budget	56,000	56,000.00
Tuition & Fees	6,000	9,213.90
Investment Income:		
General Endowment		14,878.76
David Gregg		1,165.98
Wilmoth Investment		375.47
Total Investments	**16,500**	**16,420.21**
Bequests	**4,000**	**21.13**
Gifts:		
Library		152.00
Matching Funds		2,475.00
Miscellaneous		4,735.20
Total Gifts	**10,000**	**7,362.20**
Maintenance Reimbursement:		
Covenant Fellowship	1,200	1,200.00
Synod's Trustees	1,800	1,800.00
Total M. R.	**3,000**	**3,000.00**
Synod's Undesignated Funds		**795.00**
Sale of Furniture		**2,292.75**
TOTAL RECEIPTS	95,500	95,105.19
CASH AVAILABLE	94,705	94,309.62
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	97,620	96,458.59
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1975	**$(2,915)**	**$(2,148.97)**
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Salaries:		
Faculty, Full-time	46,125	46,125.00
Faculty, housing	14,000	14,000.00
Faculty, part-time	2,000	1,840.00
Faculty, visiting	900	345.00
Staff	6,900	6,444.75
Total Salaries	**69,925**	**68,754.75**
Special Speakers	**450**	**488.75**
Employee's Benefits:		
Social Security	850	749.87
Pension, Seminary	1,050	1,051.00
Pension Payments	360	360.00
Hospitalization	2,250	2,467.33
Total Benefits	**4,510**	**4,628.20**
Library:		
Books, Periodicals, Tapes		3,373.70
Equipment & Supplies		938.10
Miscellaneous		553.27
Total Library	**4,950**	**4,865.07**
Maintenance & Cleaning	**4,000**	**2,417.64**

CURRENT ACCOUNT (Cont.)

	Budget	Actual
Utilities:		
Gas	$ 2,400	$ 1,821.79
Electric	2,950	2,727.85
Water	125	133.23
Alcosan	60	80.10
Total Utilities	**5,535**	**4,762.97**
Telephone	**800**	**880.76**
Travel	**1,200**	**940.05**
Insurance	**1,800**	**2,680.00**
Appraisal	**50**	**510.00**
Equipment & Supplies	**1,500**	**1,781.78**
Printing	**1,000**	**1,126.07**
Board & Administration	**500**	**201.23**
Audit	**350**	**320.00**
Evaluation Team	**100**	
Miscellaneous:		
Postage	400	357.21
Other	100	115.00
Total Misc.	**500**	**472.21**
Special Furniture Fund		**1,629.11**
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**$97,620**	**$96,458.59**

SEMINARY STUDENT AID

Balance, January 1, 1975	**$ 4,238.27**
Receipts:	
Investment Income	2,875.97
Gifts	200.00
Student Repayments	30.00
Total Receipts	**3,105.97**
Cash Available	**7,344.24**
Disbursements:	
Student Payments	6,180.00
Salaries	2,496.00
Student Loans	375.00
Social Security	151.35
Student Testing	260.00
Total Disbursements	**9,462.35**
Balance, December 31, 1975	**$(2,118.11)**

OTHER SEMINARY ACCOUNTS

	Balance 1-1-75	Credits	Debits	Balance 12-31-75
Endowment Funds	$114,749.73			$114,749.73
Investment Acct. (Wilmoth)	10,381.74	$ 311.46		10,693.20
M. McQuiston Endowment	12,748.45			12,748.45
M. McQuiston Temp. Inv.	500.00		$ 500.00	-0-
Pension Fund	6,270.82	1,380.22		7,651.04
Dining Club	114.28	3,435.31	3,286.95	262.64
Property & Equipment	149,875.00			149,875.00
Student Aid Endowment	17,500.00			17,500.00
Student Aid Investment	3,800.00	500.00		4,300.00
Student Aid Acct. Rec.	(3,800.00)		500.00	(4,300.00)
M. McQuiston Interest	2,882.23	624.34		3,506.57

GRADUATE STUDY

	Actual
Balance, January 1, 1975	**$2,237.69**
Receipts:	
Refunds, R. McMillan	42.50
D. Armstrong	600.00
Total Receipts	**642.50**
Cash Available	**2,880.19**
Disbursements:	
P. Beard	800.00
E. C. Copeland	732.15
W. Spear	479.00
B. Stewart	185.00
Total Disbursements	**2,196.15**
Balance, December 31, 1975	**$ 684.04**

WITNESS COMMITTEE
1975 ANNUAL REPORT

	Budget	Actual
BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1975	**$ 305**	**$ 304.70**
RECEIPTS:		
Synod's Budget	11,000	11,000.00
Endowment Interest	475	482.41
Bequests	334	334.40
Gifts	200	220.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**12,009**	**12,036.81**
CASH AVAILABLE	**12,314**	**12,341.51**
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**10,513**	**10,926.02**
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31,1975	**$ 1,801**	**$ 1,415.49** *
DISBURSEMENTS:		
C. G. M. Support, Salaries	6,610	6,610.00
Social Security	390	386.64
Hospitalization	213	229.38
Contributions	1,900	3,100.00
Total C. G. M.	**8,813**	**10,326.02**
Printing	1,000	
Travel	200	
Psalm Selection Books & Promo.	500	600.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**$10,513**	**$10,926.02**

* Account closed Balance transferred to Education & Publication Current Account

A bouquet of flowers from the Greeley Congregation was presented to the Moderator and placed at the front of the courtroom.

A preliminary report of the Finance Committee was given.

The Report of the Board of Pension Trustees was presented, and taken up item by item. Item no. 1 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item no. 2 was referred to the finance Committee. The report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE PENSION TRUSTEES

We are thankful to God for His mercies and His guidance in this past year.

Some statistics may make our report more meaningful:

Persons receiving pensions as of January 1, 1975: 11 couples and 28 singles.
Pension amounts paid out in 1975: $68,589.
Persons in the older pension group (Plan A) not yet receiving pensions are: 17 Couples and 3 singles.
Persons in the younger pension group (Plan B): 54 persons.

To clear up a matter regarding the retirement of persons in Plan A, it should be pointed out that a pension will be paid at the specified retirement date, even though the participant is fully employed, and whether employed or not.

Last year the Pension Trustees asked for no funds from Synod's budget, since it did not then have an acturial study of what might be required for the older group — for Plan A, or those who were age 55 or over on January 1, 1974. This may well place a greater burden on requests in subsequent years.

Plan B's current account began 1976 with a balance of $19,384, and may end with a deficit of about $1,800.

A study of the assests available presently to Plan A participants reveals approximately $500,000. An actuarial study shows that this sum may be exhausted sometime in 1983. The study also demonstrates that an addition of about $35,150, beginning in 1977 will be required to meet the needs past 1983 through about 1996, when the sum required should begin to decline. The amounts needed will be studied and readjusted from year to year to maintain actuarial soundness.

The request for the year 1977 is $35.00.

Reducing the retirement age to 65 has added measurably to the cost. Previously about two a year would have become eligible for a pension. However in 1978, nine will become eligible due to the reduction of the eligible date by one year in each year since 1974.

Plan B, for those participants who were under 55 years of age on January 1, 1974, is supported principally by assessments of the partici-

pants and of congregations. The annual report being recieved by Plan B participants shows the market value of their retirement account as of the previous December 31.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The terms of Ray Blair and John Smith as Pension Trustees expire this year. It is recommended that they be re-elected.
2. The request from Synod's budget for 1977 is $35,000.

Robert W. Morrow, Sec.
Robert E. Catloth, Chm.
John Smith, Vice-Chm.
S. Ray Blair
Frederick T. Cretors
Ray E. Dill
W. A. McElroy

The Report of the Foreign Mission Board was made the order of the day Monday afternoon following the break at 3 p.m. This includes the matter of the autonomy of the Cyprus Church.

Synod adjourned in prayer by Joe Copeland.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 8:15 A. M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment on Saturday, August 14, at 8:15 a.m. and was constituted in prayer by Ray Wilcox.

The Roll was taken.

The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

A motion to discontinue the Synod offering was referred to the Finance Committee.

Synod counselled the officers of the conference to reverse the Sabbath Morning services so that the preaching service would preceed the Bible Classes.

The delegates of the Irish Synod, George McEwen and David McGee were introduced to the court after which Mr. McGee addressed the court bringing greetings from the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

The members of the Scottish Delegation, Ray Morton and Sinclair Horne, were introduced to the court after which Mr. Horne addressed the court bringing greetings from the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

A letter of greeting from the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Australia was read to the Synod.

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A letter of greeting from the Reformed Church in Japan was read to the Synod.

A partial report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted.

Paper Eleven, an appeal of the Morning Sun session concerning an action of the Iowa Presbytery was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Paper Twelve from the St. Lawrence Presbytery concerning the Sacraments was referred to a special committee to report at the next Synod.

Paper Thirteen from the Midwest Presbytery, concerning the status of ministers not presently serving as pastor or stated supply, was referred to the committee on the Officers of the Church.

Paper Fourteen, from two members of the Synod concerning the use of the term "Reverend" as an address for ministers was referred to the Committee on Officers of the Church.

Paper Fifteen, from six members of the court concerning the action of Ohio-Illinois Presbytery concerning their action in regard to the four Chicago elders was ruled out of order by the Moderator.

Mr. James Westbury, representative of the Lord's Day Alliance, addressed the court on the work of the Alliance. Gerrold Milroy responded to him.

The Report of the Board of Education and Publication was taken up item by item for adoption. Item one was referred to the Finance Committee. Item two carried. Item three was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item four was referred to the Committee on the Relation of Church and State in Education. Item five was tabled until Monday. It was made the order of the day following the resolution by Duncan Lowe. Item six carried.

Item One of Unfinished Business_The Report of the Committee to Rewrite the Testimony_was taken up. Item one carried. Items 2-11 were adopted as a whole. The report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE TESTIMONY REVISION COMMITTEE

The committee is distributing at this Synod the completed revision of the Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. There will be sufficient copies so that every minister and elder of the denomination may have his own copy for study during the year.

Because of the volume of material that Synod will have to discuss and vote on before final adoption of the revised Testimony, your committee would make the following recommendations for the manner in which the Testimony will be handled in the business sessions of Synod.

1. That Synod receive the revised Testimony, distribute it this year without any expectation of discussion or vote.
2. That sessions and individuals be invited to send suggested revisions to the chairman of the committee (James D. Carson, 230

Cherry Drive, Pasadena, California, 91105) not later than **March 1, 1977**. This is a crucial step in order that the greatest amount of revision can be handled prior to time-consuming debate. We would therefore urge each person to study and respond.

3. That the committee consider each suggestion in a meeting to be held after March 1, 1977, and that at the points judged to be helpful, necessary revisions be made in the text.
4. That the entire work, with necessary revisions, be presented to the delegates for action at the Synod of 1977.
5. That one additional day be added to the schedule of Synod in 1977 to allow additional time for the consideration of the Testimony.
6. That 15 minutes be allotted for floor discussion and debate on each chapter of the Testimony, and that individual speeches be limited to three (3) minutes. No amendments will be allowed from the floor. Each chapter will be voted on in its entirety, and approval requires a two-thirds vote.
7. That failure to achieve a two-thirds majority vote on any chapter will have the effect of returning that chapter to the committee for revision in the light of floor discussion.
8. That when each chapter has received the necessary two-thirds vote of the Synod, the entire Testimony be submitted to the sessions in overture, and that the session be asked to vote on each chapter separately, thereby allowing sessions, if in disagreement with a portion of the Testimony, to vote in favor of chapters with which they stand in agreement.
9. That any chapter not approved in overture be returned to the committee for revision and resubmission to the synod and sessions.
10. That the revised Testimony replace the present Testimony only upon approval of all the chapters and the declaration by Synod of their adoption.
11. That in order to preserve the right of each Synod to establish its own special rules, recommendations 6-10 be made a part of the Clerk's report for 1977 as rules to be adopted for that Synod.

Respectively submitted,
James D. Carson, Chairman
Roy M. Adams
S. Ray Blair
E. Clark Copeland
D. Howard Elliott
Joseph Lamont

William H. Russell
Wayne R. Spear
S. Bruce Willson
J. Renwick Wright

The Report of the Board of Home Missions was taken up item by item. Items one and two were adopted. Item three was laid on the table until information can be made available to the delegates. Item four was referred to the Finance Committee. Item five was referred to the Nominating Committee.

Item Three of Unfinished Business — The Report of the Committee reguarding the Verbal Revision of the Westminster Confession of Faith was taken up. The last statement of the report was stricken. The Report was referred back to the Committee to bring in a recommendation regarding the matter of making copies of the Revision available to the Sessions.

Item Four of Unfinished Business — The Committee on the Revision of the Directory for Worship was not prepared to report to this Synod. The Committee was not continued.

S. Ray Blair indicated his dissent to the action dismissing the Committee appointed to Revise the Directory of Worship. His dissent is as follows: I respectfully dissent from the dicision of Synod dismissing the Committee on Revision of the Directory for Worship because (1.) certain statements are not in accord with the belief and practice of the Church, i.e. recommending use of the International Lessons. (2.) Some statements are inappropriate in my view, i.e. counseling the W. M. S. for large financial contributions and promotion of Mother's clubs.

Signed,
S. Ray Blair

Item Six of Unfinished Business — The Committee to Plan a Pre-Synodic Conference for 1977 — was taken up.Items one through three were adopted. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

COMMITTEE FOR PRE-SYNODIC CONFERENCE ON PRAYER, 1977

Your committee has carried on its work by correspondence, and would report substantial progress toward the final plan for a 1977 Pre-Synod Prayer Conference. We are recommending that the conference be 1 and 1/3 days in length, beginning in an evening, and concluding the following evening. We have no information yet as to Synod's Time and Place in 1977, or what Synod will do about meeting concur-

rently with another Reformed Synod (1975 **Minutes**, Page 120, Para. 2). We are assuming that this conference should be held beginning on Thursday evening, and continuing all day Friday.

The committee is planning to limit the number of time slots devoted to addresses to two and perhaps three, assigning only those topics concerning prayer that seem to be most vital to the purpose of the conference. Most of the time will be devoted to prayer itself, chiefly in small groups but not entirely. A solid block of time will be given to prayer in praise.

In planning to this point, the committee has included the following ideas, with the desire that members of Synod would advise us of elements they believe ought to be added to help the conference:

1. An opening sermon will be delivered, stressing some aspect of the Bible's call to prayer, and a later paper or sermonic address on prayer trends in the light of Scripture. A third period may be devoted to a number of brief workshops.
2. A prayer booklet and guide will be prepared, to include suggested areas for prayer, space to record information regarding the evidence of God's response to prayer throughout the church, and open space for groups agreeing on specific prayer items.
3. We are recommending no plan for group fasting, due to the complications to the hosting institution, individual needs, and other variables.

The cost of attending this conference should not be high, involving only board and room and a small registration fee to cover printing costs and honoraria. Synod has directed that this conference be planned. Our Church continues in need of God's reviving and restoration. You committee would urge every ruling and teaching elder coming to the 1977 Synod to give high priority to this important conference, and to notify others of its character as an open conference.

Recommendations:

1. That the 1977 Pre-Synod Prayer Conference extend for one and one-third days and be held on the two days prior to the opening of Synod.
2. That attendance at this conference be open not only to Synod delegates but to all those willing to pay the registration fee.
3. That Synod approve in general the committee's plans to date.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Levy
Ken McBurney
J. Paul McCracken, Chr.

Item Seven of Unfinished Business — The Committee to Study the Responsibilities and the Interrelations of Church and State in Education — was taken up. New item one was added, that the Committee be continued and that two members of the committee — Millard Howell and Philip Shafer — be replaced, and was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item two was referred back to the committee for restatement; the report was laid on the table until later.

Item Nine of Unfinished Business — The Report of the Committee to make Recommendations Regarding Synod's Procedure in Debating and Adopting Reports — was taken up. Items one and two were adopted. The report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee to Make Recommendations Regarding Synod's Procedures for Debating and Adopting Reports would report that because of time committments and geographic location of the members of this committee no meetings have been held. However, we believe that this matter is of sufficient importance that it should not be lost.

We recommend:

1. A new committee be appointed (not necessarily excluding members of the present committee.)
2. That the scope of the committee's work be enlarged to include a review and possible revision of Chap. 12, Book of Church Government, "Rules of Order for a Meeting of Synod".

Respectfully submitted,

Jerrold S. Milroy
Ralph E. Joseph
Ray P. Joseph

The Report of the Committee on Verbal Revision of the Westminster Confession of Faith in Cooperation with other Reformed Bodies was lifted from the table. The Report as a whole was adopted. The Committee announced that copies of the Revision are to be made available to the members of Synod during this meeting of Synod. The report as a whole was adopted as amended and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE RE VERBAL REVISION OF THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

Your committee met once during the year with representatives of the ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, and representatives of the REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Evangelical Synod). As a result

of the joint committees deliberations Chapters XIX through XXI have been revised. Your comments are requested. So far very few responses have been received to the work of the committee which is already in the hands of members of Synod (Chapters I - XVIII). Such comments would be a very great help to the joint committee. Members of the O. P. General Assembly have sent in helpful comments. Their Assembly debated whether the work of verbal revision should be continued in view of its extreme difficulty, and came up with a resounding "Yes".

Respectfully submitted

David M. Carson
Iohannes G. Vos
J. Renwick Wright, Chairman

J. Paul McCracken reported as fraternal delegate to the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church Evangelical Synod.

The court was adjourned in prayer by C. C. Christou.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 8 A. M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, August 16 at 8 a.m. and was constituted in prayer by John O. Edgar.

The Roll was noted.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved as corrected.

A partial report of the Finance Committee concerning the receiving of Synod's offering was adopted; after which an offering totaling $443.45 was received.

Arthur Gordon, representing the American Bible Society addressed the court on the work of the Society.

It was moved that the Finance Committee consider and propose a means by which the room and board expenses of delegates to Synod which are not paid by the home congregation may be paid from Presbytery or Synod funds. The motion carried.

The Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary was taken up. Item 3 was adopted and the Synod proceeded to hear President Stewart on behalf of the Seminary. Item 1 was adopted. Item 2 was referred to the Nominating Committee. A rising vote of thanks was given to Bruce Willson for his 23 years of service as President and Professor of the Seminary. The Report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY 1976

PROGRESS REPORT ON SEMINARY APPROVAL

The annual progress report of the Seminary was submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, March 29, 1976. Dr. Warren D. Evans of the Department plans to visit the Seminary in the near future. The Executive Committee of the Board takes the position at present that both a Charter and a Constitution are necessary foundational statements for the Seminary; therefore, that both be continued separately at this point.

ADMINISTRATION

The transitional period having been completed, Dr. Bruce C. Stewart assumed the office of President of the Seminary, June 1, 1976, succeeding Dr. S. Bruce Willson who completed 23 years as President. The Board officially espressed its deep appreciation to Dr. Willson for his signigicant contribution to the growth of the Seminary and the work of the Church in the service of Christ. Dr. Stewart's inauguration will be held in September of this year.

FACULTY

Dr. S. Bruce Willson will continue his relationship with the Seminary as Registrar (one-year term) and Professor of Church History (two years). The Synod is reminded that nominations for the position of Professor of Church History must be presented in writing to the Secretary of the Board at this (1976) meeting of Synod. Professor Wayne Spear continues his doctoral studies. The formal defense of his dissertation is scheduled for this September and his degree should be awarded, pending approval of the defense, in December.

Dr. William White again assisted Professor Stewart in teaching the course in Pastoral Counselling. The suggestion that Presbyteries attempt to schedule licensure examinations during the same week received no positive response. The faculty of the Seminary again requests that this be seriously considered in order that normal class schedules not be seriously disrupted over a long period of time.

The Seminary, at the request of one Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of America, is examining the possibility of some sort of cooperation between the Seminary and the Ligonier Valley Study Center.

CURRICULUM

A significant change in the curriculum was a decision to move toward requiring entering students to possess a knowledge of Greek.

Beginning Greek, therefore, has been offered this summer, the course having been taught by Paul Copeland, a 1976 graduate of the Seminary.

STUDENTS

The number of students attending the Seminary this past year was the largest in several decades. Eight denominations were represented in addition to the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America. Of the 26 students who attended full-time for at least one quarter, 16 were Reformed Presbyterian, N.A. The following were granted the degree of Master of Divinity: Timothy J. Brown, David L. Burke, Paul E. Copeland, R. Blair McFarland, Thomas A. Price, and Charles L. Winkler.

LIBRARY

The library acquired approximately 500 additional volumes during the year. The total is now 18,544 volumes plus 400 tapes. There has been a 34% increase in library usage over the 1974-75 academic year. Miss Anne Frohlich, who completed her third year as Librarian, was appointed Librarian for the coming year.

FINANCES

The Treasurer's report shows that the receipts in 1975 totalled $95,105.19. The cash available was $94,309.62. Expenditures were $96,458.59, leaving a deficit of $2,148.97 on the year's work. Gifts amounted to $7,362.20. This included undesignated gifts of $1,000 from Mr. and Mrs. E. R. MacLaughlin, $1,083 from the W. M. S., $500 from Mrs. Hattie Dodds DeVries, $500 from J. R. Brown, and $600 from the members of the Faculty and Board. Miscellaneous gifts from missionary societies and individuals totalled $1052.

Salary adjustments have been made according to the scale set by Synod.

Tuition and fee increases were approved. The tuition per quarter hour is now $20. $9,213.90 was received in tuition money in 1975.

The Seminary Handbook was officially approved by the Board. By order of the Board the report to Synod was approved by the Executive Committee. The officers of the Board are:

President: Lester E. Kilpatrick
Vice President: John O. Edgar
Secretary: Norman M. Carson
Treasurer: Louis D. Hutmire

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the graduate study programs of Wayne Spear and Bruce C. Stewart be recommended to the Graduate Study Fund for continued support.

2. That successors to the Board be chosen for J. Renwick Wright and Stewart M. Lee (they are eligible for re-election).
3. That Dr. Bruce Stewart be heard on behalf of the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman M. Carson, Secretary

The Report of the Graduate Study Fund was taken up, adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRADUATE STUDY FUND
June 1, 1976

This report marks the end of the fifteenth year the Graduate Study Fund has been administered "to encourage qualified men to continue graduate work as preparation for further usefulness in the church."

Bruce C. Stewart replaces S. Bruce Willson as Chairman of the Committee on June 1, 1976. Donald Birdsall, as new President of the Board of Publication and Education, replaced Joe McFarland.

Wayne R. Spear is ready to defend his thesis, and has continued to receive the support of the fund this year. Philip Beard participated in the fund in order to complete his Master's thesis at Guelph University (Canada). Bruce C. Stewart attended a Counseling Seminar.

Repayments on two loans were made this year, amounting to $642.50

Balance in the Fund, January 1, 1975	$2,237.69
Receipts, Repayments	642.50
Cash available	2,880.19
Disbursements, Loans (4)	2,196.15
Balance, December 31, 1975	684.04

Graduate Study Fund Committee
S. Bruce Willson, Chairman
Edwin C. Clarke
Donald Birdsall

The Report of the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery was taken up and received. It was moved that the Committee to Examine the Records of Ohio-Illinois Presbytery look into the legality and propriety of the action referred to on pages 13-14 (and modified on pages 43-44) of THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION, OHIO-ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY, namely, the action by which the Chicago elders were forbidden to communicate their intention to leave the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America to any members of Presbytery, but were to deal only with the Judicial Commission, an action which was later the basis of one of the offenses charged against the Chicago elders. The motion carried.

The reports of the following Presbyteries were read: Iowa, Midwest, New York, Pacific Coast, Pittsburgh and St. Lawrence. They are as follows:

REPORT OF THE OHIO-ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY TO SYNOD

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

The Ohio-Illinois Presbytery would respectfully report that we continue to have twelve organized congregations within the Presbytery. There have, however, been a number of changes in the status of congregations and pastors since our last report.

On September 17, 1975, Rev. Claude C. Brown was taken to his heavenly home and his loss is still felt in the Selma Congregation. On September 27, Robert W. Morrow was installed pastor of the Sparta Congregation where he had for some time served as stated supply. Lee P. Bittner, III, was transferred to the Pittsburgh Presbytery on December 12, 1975 and on that same date, Robert Ulrich was ordained and installed pastor of the Belle Center Congregation. April 9, 1976 saw the transfer of Eurie H. Smith, III, from the Midwest Presbytery and just a few weeks later on April 28, 1976 Marion L. McFarland was installed as pastor of the Ogemaw Congregation. Just last month on July 21, 1976 we saw David L. Burke ordained and installed pastor of the Hetherton Congregation. This leaves only two congregations, Chicago and Selma, without settled pastorates.

On December 13, 1975, after much agony of heart, a trial was held which resulted in the deposition from office of the pastor, David R. Armstrong, and three elders, Ronald Bogner, Richard Bowes, and Elwood Woods, all of the Chicago Congregation. These men are still under the censure of Presbytery and we would covet your prayers for their restoration. The West Lafayette Session was appointed provisional session for the Chicago Congregation.

There are fifteen ministers on our roll. Ten are in settled pastorates, one, Eurie Smith is engaged in outreach ministry in Louisville, Ky., and four are engaged in other work. In accord with the action of the synod of 1968, the ordination status of those men not in the pastorate has been reviewed and continued. We wish to note that these men are available for preaching and for service on Committees and Boards of Synod. These men are: Philip Coon, Donald Felker, Milton Harrington, and R. Paul Mathews.

There are four men under the care of Presbytery. David Peachy, a third year student in the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary, was licensed to preach on July 6, 1976. Lic. Bob Henninger is continuing for another year under the Irish Reformed Presbyterian Mission Board as he helps in the work in Cork, South Ireland. William Roberts, a special student, will enter the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary this fall. He is

spending the summer in Colombia, South America in mission work. Lic. John A. Delivuk is working at Covenant Seminary in St. Louis as a Librarian.

We continue to see many encouraging signs of God's blessing in our Presbytery. A number of young men expressed a desire to minister and receive training under the oversight of this Presbytery this past summer, particularly in Selma, Alabama. Mr. Steve Bird has spent this summer working with the Selma session and congregation.

Rev. Eurie H. Smith, III, is seeking to raise up a new work in Louisville, Ky. He has found a "tent making" job as a school teacher and counsellor and is looking forward to assistance from Mr. Bill Greer who has recently moved to Louisville from Beaver Falls. We trust that God will bless in this new area of outreach.

In addition to Lic. Bob Henninger, who is continuing to serve in Ireland, we have been encouraged to see a number of other individuals from the West Lafayette and Indianapolis Congregations show an interest in ministry overseas. Some have traveled for a part of the summer to Ireland, Scotland, and South America.

The slide and tape presentation regarding Synod's Budget, which was prepared by the Trustees of Synod, Stewardship Committee, was mailed to each congregation of the Presbytery for their use.

Since the last meeting of Synod, we have had one regular meeting, three special meetings, and the Synod meeting of Presbytery. Our statistical report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod. All our members are accounted for and our travel fund is paid in full. Officers of the Presbytery are: Raymond P. Joseph, Moderator; Jerrold S. Milroy, Clerk; Robert W. Morrow, Assistant Clerk; and Donald H. Mullinnix Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerrold S. Milroy, Clerk

REPORT OF IOWA PRESBYTERY

Iowa Presbytery would report that since the last meeting of Synod we have had one regular meeting, one special meeting for the installation of a pastor, and one special meeting for endorsement of a petition to forward to Synod.

There are five congregations in the Presbytery, four of these having settled pastors and one congregation, Morning Sun, continuing to depend upon pulpit supply (usually provided by the Sharon Pastor). Presbytery has declared its desire that the Morning Sun and Sharon Congregations (which are approximately five miles apart) unite.

There has been some moderate growth of active membership experienced among the congregations, even at the same time that con-

gregational membership rolls are undergoing reduction by removal of those who have shown an absence of spiritual interest. Three of the congregations (Lake Reno, Morning Sun and Sharon) are located in rural areas of static population; the other two (Marion and Washington) are in urban areas of population growth. There has been continuing concern in the Presbytery to begin a new work, perhaps in such a place as Iowa City. But so far attempts at securing a home missionary have not met with success. Nevertheless, the radio ministry of Washington Congregation seems to be laying an effective basis for such a work by making the R. P. Church's name and witness known over southeast Iowa.

The Iowa Presbytery Family Conference held in the beginning of August, has continued to show good response and to be an important instrument for furthering the spiritual work of the congregations. This year the guest speaker was Dr. James Carson, and the theme was "Meditation".

Lake Reno Congregation installed a pastor this past September. Marion Congregation ordained and installed two elders and one deacon this year. Sharon Congregation ordained and installed three deacons, while the Sharon session has returned to the practice of non-term eldership.

All our members are accounted for and our travel fund paid. Ralph Howell is Travel Agent for this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
Duncan Lowe, Clerk

THE REPORT OF THE MIDWEST PRESBYTERY

Since the last meeting of Synod Presbytery held its annual meeting in the Hebron RP Church building near Clay Center, Kansas, October 7-8, 1975. The following officers were elected: Thomas M. Hutcheson, Moderator and Moderator of the Ad Interim Commission; Bruce R. Backensto, Clerk and Clerk of the Ad Interim Commission; J. Bruce Martin, Assistant Clerk, **Covenanter Witness** reporter, and Travel Fund Agend at Synod; Robert E. Catloth, Treasurer; Bruce Hemphill, Western Young People's Secretary; and Bruce R. Backensto, Eastern Y.P. S. Midwest Presbytery's next scheduled meeting is set for October 6-7, 1976 at Winchester, Kansas, Lord willing.

Presently Presbytery has 16 congregations on our roll. Our Hays, Kansas Mission became a congregation on the 16th of June, 1976. All congregations have pastors except Clarinda, Denison, Hebron, Hot Springs, Lawrence, Park City and Hays which has Bruce Hemphill serving as Stated Supply. Minneola RPC has secured the pastoral services of D. Raymond McCracken (04/14/76) and Winchester RPC has secured the pastoral services of J. Renwick Wright (11/12/75) since

Synod last met. Licentiate Phil Beard is living in Phoenix, AZ., and Licentiate Ron Stegall is living in Topeka, KS. , while Robert More, Jr. is living in Denison, KS. and all three are commended to Synod as available for a Gospel Call. Two of our teaching-elders are serving the Church as missionaries in Japan. They are James C. Pennington and Gene W. Spear. There are eight pastors who are "retired" on our roll and four other ordained men who are not serving in pastorates as they are in other occupations. Cloyd E. Caskey was called home through death during the last year. During the last year Midwest Presbytery received into the membership of the RPCNA Eurie Hays Smith, III only to see him transfer to the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery early this Spring 1976. Presbytery lost the services of four men through various reasons. M. L. McFarland was called to the Ogemaw RPC, Kenneth A. McBurney was called to the Almonte RPC, Robert Benn Vincent was called to the Jackson Street Presbyterian Church of the PCA (Alexandria, Louisiana, 71301), and Verd V. Dunn, who was granted a letter of standing to enter the Covenant Church of America. Thus, Midwest Presbytery has a total of 24 teaching-elders on the roll. This is a decrease of two.

			MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORATES
1 CLARINDA	—	David R. Patterson (Pastor-elect)	
2 DENISON	—		
3 GREELEY	—	E. Raymond Hemphill	Carl T. Grayson (San Antonio, TX)
4 HAYS	—	Bruce Hemphill	M. Wylie Dougherty (Sterling, KS)
5 HEBRON	—	Bruce Martin (Pastor-elect)	Paul Hindman (Minneola, KS)
6 HOT SPRINGS			Thomas M. Hutcheson (Topeka, KS)
7 LAWRENCE	—		T. Richard Hutcheson (Holton, KS)
8 MINNEOLA	—	D. Raymond McCracken	June E. Mcelroy (Denver, CO)
9 PARK CITY	—		Luther B. McFarland (Sterling, KS)
10 QUINTER	—	Robert H. McFarland	Robert More, Jr. (Denison, KS)
11 SHAWNEE	—	John H. Tweed	James C. Pennington (Japan)
12 STERLING	—	Bruce R. Backensto	Gene W. Spear (Japan)
13 SUPERIOR	—	J. Bruce Martin	Harold F. Thompson (Denver, CO)
14 TOPEKA	—	D. Howard Elliott	Boyd A. White (Truth or Con., NM)
15 WESTMINSTER	—	J. Paul McCracken	Paul D. White (Quinter, KS)
16 WINCHESTER	—	J. Renwick Wright	

There are 6 men under care of Presbytery of whom three are licensed to preach the Gospel. These 6 men are: Lic. Phil Beard, Stan Copeland, Lic. Larry Falk, Jeff Frye, Ron Graham and Lic. Ron Stegall. Howard Elliott is presently serving as chairman of the Committee on Oversight of Students.

Presbytery's Deacon Delegate to this year's Synod is Stewart Robb of our Denison, Kansas Congregation.

Presbytery's Budget for the year October, 1975 through October, 1976 is as follows:

I. General	$ 2,000.00
II. Home Missions & Church Extension	23,090.00
III. Trustee's Fund	2,424.00
TOTAL BUDGET	$27,514.00

Both the Eastern and Western Division Young People's Secretaries with their respective Conference Administrations held the annual Family Conferences at Forest Park (July 28 - August 4, 1975) and Covenant Heights (August 9-15, 1975). In addition to these times of Christian fellowship the Eastern Division held a Psalm-sing November 28, 1975 at the Sterling RPC building and a Winter Conferette December 29-30, 1975 at the Winchester RPC building. No Summer conferences were held this year but plans are underway for the 1977 Summer Conferences.

A program of visitation is being followed whereby each congregation is visited by a team from Presbytery every four years. Presbytery, because of concern over the "long" list of communicant members, began a careful and prayerful program seeking to ascertain true interest in these members to remain on Presbytery's communicant member roll. After much letter writing the present roll contains eight (8) members, three for whom we have no present address.

During the year, due to the resignation of David R. Patterson from the pastorate Bruce Hemphill was appointed to fill the unexpired term on the Home Mission Board of Synod.

Our statistical report was forwarded to the stated clerk, our travelling fund is paid in full and our members on the communicant roll are accounted for as far as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce R. Sackenstein, Clerk

REPORT TO THE SYNOD FROM NEW YORK PRESBYTERY 1976

The New York Presbytery would respectfully report that since the last meeting of the synod, we have held one regular meeting and one special meeting of the presbytery. In addition to this the Church Extension Commission has met regularly and the Ad Interim Commission has met as need arose.

We have six congregations under our care plus two preaching stations and one new work, the Easton Area Fellowship. We have seven ministers and one licentiate. All the congregations in the Presbytery have settled pastors with the exception of Newburgh which is exploring possible merger with the Coldenham Congregation. The Montclair Preaching Station is supplied full time by P. W. Martin and the Easton Area Fellowship by Ralph E. Joseph.

Since the last meeting of the synod, William H. Cornell has been ordained to the gospel ministry and installed as associate pastor of the Broomall Congregation. In addition to any duties assigned by the Broomall Session, Mr. Cornell labors under the direction of that session in the Pheonixville, Pa. area in an attempt to spread the gospel in that area. Thomas Price, Jr. was licensed to preach the gospel at the annual meeting of Presbytery this spring and has since been ordained and installed as pastor of the Four Mile Congregation in Pittsburgh Presbytery. Robert Milliken was released from the care of New York Presbytery at his own request last fall. We have one other licentiate, Timothy J. Brown, who has completed his serminary work. We heartily commend Mr. Brown to the church as an able expositor of the Word. Samuel Sterrett is a student under care of Presbytery and planning on entering the R. P. Seminary this fall.

The Newburgh and Coldenham Congregations continue to explore merger. Steps are being taken to resolve the legal difficulties entailed in the sale of the Newburgh Church to the Urban Renewal Agency of Newburgh although the building itself has been torn down for 16 months.

In the last year, the Presbytery has been particularly encouraged with progress within the Easton Area Fellowship. Although in terms of numbers, the statistics are not overpowering, there has been clear signs of growth and stability within the group. A number of college students have begun to be involved in the life of the Fellowship. Recently the pastor has been conducting a special Biblical Doctrine course that has been attended by one couple and three singles. Although attendance at the course does not commit one to actual membership in the R.P. Church, it is encouraging to see this many people taking the course. A search has been underway since spring to find a more suitable place for fellowship activities with the result that two possible locations have been turned down by the Zoning Board of the city of Easton—the last being only three weeks ago. In the meantime, morning worship continues to be conducted at the Moravian Academy and the evening fellowship groups at the Joseph home.

The White Lake Preaching station continues with semi-regular preaching for about six months out of the year and full-time for two months in the summer. The sessions of Newburgh and Coldenham were appointed this spring as a commission to oversee the activities at White Lake. Mr. William Edgar is serving there this summer. The rest of the time, pastors from neighboring congregations in both New York and St. Lawrence Presbyteries preach.

The Montclair Preaching Station continues under the ministry of P. W. Martin. During this last year there has been an elders preparation course and several people have begun attending the preaching there.

The White Lake Conference grounds continue to be available to congregations both inside and outside of the Presbytery. The programs are administered by a four member commission made up of a minister and ruling elder from each of St. Lawrence and New York Presbyteries. An abbreviated conference is scheduled this year for August 25-30.

Our statistical report has been forwarded to the Stated Clerk, all our members are accounted for, and our travel fund paid in full.

Our travel fund agent for this meeting of synod is Donald Crawford.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph E. Joseph

REPORT OF PACIFIC COAST PRESBYTERY

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

The Pacific Coast Presbytery would report that there are six congregations under the care of this Presbytery: Phoenix, Arizona; Seattle, Washington; Fresno, Los Angeles, Santa Ana and San Diego, California. In addition, there is an extension work in Anchorage, Alaska under the direction of the Seattle session. On alternate Sabbath evenings, services are held in the area of San Juan Capistrano under the oversight of the Santa Ana session.

There are seven ministers on the roll of the Presbytery; four of these are in active pastorates, namely, Paul M. Martin, Donald Weilersbacher, Glenn E. McFarland and James D. Carson; Jerry Havenga is engaged in special education and preaches on occasion for the Fresno Congregation; Charles Chao is with the Reformation Translation Fellowship in Taipei; and Alvin W. Smith is retired.

During the year it became necessary to conclude the outreach work in Walnut, California for a variety of reasons on December 9, 1975. D. Raymond McCracken, who had been serving in Walnut, was released from the Presbytery on March 15, 1976. The Seattle Congregation made out a call on Donald Piper to be their pastor; Mr. Piper has indicated his intention to accept the call, and plans are being made for his ordination and installation. Fresno has made out two calls; both of them have been declined. The Fresno Congregation has sold its church building and are holding services in fine rented quarters.

One item of special encouragement is that during the last 13 months, 8 elders have been ordained and 10 persons have been ordained to the office of deacon. We regard this as a direct answer to prayer, and are grateful to God for this leadership.

A profitable summer conference was held in 1975 at the Warm Beach Conference Grounds near Seattle, Washington. No conference is planned for 1976 because of the national convention.

All reports have been completed and forwarded to the proper officers of Synod. Our travel fund is paid in full. Paul M. Martin is our travel agent for this meeting of Synod.

The officers of Presbytery are: Moderator: Glenn E. McFarland; Clerk: James D. Carson; Assistant Clerk: Paul M. Martin; Treasurer: Lewis Keys; Moderator of the Ad Interim Commission: Paul M. Martin; Representative on the Geneva College Board of Corporators: Surrendra Gangadean; Young People's Secretary: Howard Huizing.

Respectfully submitted,
James D. Carson, Clerk

REPORT OF PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY

Pittsburgh Presbytery would respectfully report that since the last meeting of the Synod we have held 5 meetings in addition to the two meetings held during the last meeting of the synod. On October 11, 1975 we met in the Allegheny Church; On February 14, 1976 we met in the Eastvale Church, this meeting was continued on February 28, 1976 in the College Hill Church. On May 15, 1976 Presbytery met in the Rimersburg Church. A special meeting was called for July 17, 1976 in the College Hill Church for the examination of Thomas A. Price, Jr., and we met in the Four Mile Church on July 30, 1976 for the Ordination and Installation of Mr. Price as the Pastor of that Congregation.

We have 14 Congregations and 1 Mission Station under our care. Ten of these have settled Pastors and one has a call pending. One is served by a stated supply, and the others have preaching on a regular basis as they supply their own pulpit. We have 22 ministerial members on our roll. Six of these are retired. Seven are associated with Geneva College, four are professors in the Seminary, 1 is Executive director of the National Reform Association, 1 is Director of Christian Education, 1 is Director of Publication, 1 is Superintendent of the Reformed Presbyterian Home, and 1 is missionary to Japan.

J. Renwick Wright was released from the Pastorate of the Geneva Congregation on October 31, 1975 to assume the Pastorate of the Winchester, Kansas Congregation; Keith Copeland was granted a letter of standing on August 5, 1975, to serve as Pastor of a congregation of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. J. Burt Willson, D.D. was called to his eternal rest on February 3, 1976 and Charles T. Carson, D.D. was called to his eternal rest on July 14, 1976.

Lee P. Bittner was received from the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery and Thomas A. Price, Jr., was ordained to the Gospel Ministry and installed pastor of the Four Mile Congregation on July 30, 1976.

There is presently only 1 licentiate under our care. J. Edward Hindman is available for appointment or a call. We have 4 under care as

students of Theology: Ronald Marcinko, Byron Curtis, Robert Miller and Robert L. Hemphill, David L. Burke was licensed to preach the Gospel on February 14, 1976 and certified to the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery. Donald Piper was licensed to preach the Gospel on February 28, 1976 and certified to the Pacific Coast Presbytery.

There was no Presbyery conference last summer, but the Young Peoples Secretary did plan 2 one day conferences for the young people. This summer there was an activity day planned near Uniontown for cave exploring and rafting. The camp-o-day was held April 15-17 camp Lutherlyn, with 70 campers in attendance. The Family Camp-out was held both last summer and this summer at Deer Meadows Campground for those in the Presbytery who have camping equipment. This summer there were about 60 in attendance.

We have continued our program of Congregational visitation with New Alexandria, North Hills, and Rimersburg Congregations being visited.

A special Presbytery Rally was held at Geneva College on April 24. This was a special program planned to draw the members of the Presbytery together, there were about 250 in attendance for the afternoon and evening activities. Another is planned for next spring.

The Fifth Annual Reformed Conference was held in the Geneva Church in March. Dr. Clark Copeland was the featured speaker, presenting 3 messages on the general subject of "Covenant Theology". Representatives of the PCA and CRC churches have been invited to join in the planning for the 1977 conference. We also look forward to the National Presbyterian and Reformed Conference to be held at Geneva College on October 3, 1976.

The officers of the Presbytery are: Moderator, Melville W. Martin; Clerk, Robert R. Fullerton; Assistant Clerk, Dean R. Smith; Treasurer, Louis D. Hutmire, Willard G. McMillan is the Moderator of the Ad Interim Commission, John H. White is the secretary of pulpit supplies. Joseph M. Caskey is the Young Peoples Secretary. Clark Copeland is our representative on the Board of Corporators of Geneva College. John Vincze is our Travel Fund Agent. Our statistical report was forwarded to the Stated clerk and our Travel Fund is paid in full.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert R. Fulleton, Clerk

REPORT OF THE ST. LAWRENCE PRESBYTERY TO SYNOD
August, 1976

St. Lawrence Presbytery would respectfully report that since the last meeting of Synod, we have held a Fall meeting, October 14, 1975 at Lisbon, N.Y.; a Spring meeting, March 9, 1976 at Syracuse; a meeting

by conference call on April 6, 1976; and a meeting June 5, 1976 at Syracuse.

Lisbon, Syracuse and Walton have settled Pastors. Almonte and Lochiel are without Pastors. Licentiate Robert Rice moved to Rochester, N.Y. in June 1976 to provide full-time service in the new mission work in that city. F. F. Reade, who is retired, is living in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

There are seven students of theology under the care of our Presbytery: Paul Copeland and Robert Rice completed their Seminary work this Spring, and have been licensed to preach the Gospel. George Hueber has some work to finish before graduation, but also has been licensed by the Presbytery. Charles Leach, Jr. has completed his second year at our Seminary. Richard Ganz completed his second year at Westminster Seminary. Walter (Kit) Swartz and Carter Rowe both plan to enter our Seminary this Fall. We acknowledge God's special blessing on the Syracuse pastor and congregation through which six of these seven students have come.

The officers of our Presbytery are: Moderator, Ed Robson; Clerk, Robert McCracken; Treasurer, Dave Smith; Chairman of the Ad-Interim Commission is Paul Faris.

The most important advance in the Presbytery, apart from the work in the congregations, has been the development of the outreach in Rochester to a full-time mission station. Through financial arrangements involving the local group, the Presbytery, and the Home Mission Bd., Robert Rice has been employed to work in this field. He and his family moved to Rochester the first of June, and began public worship services August 8th. We encourage the prayers of the Church for this new field. In the Binghamton area, which also had been considered for outreach, the R. P. E. S. Church has now opened a mission station and secured a Pastor, and thus we are not pursueing work in that area at the present.

The Lisbon Congregation achieved a desired goal this year by going off supplemental aid. Syracuse, in memory of Elder William Ramsey, held a Symposium on the Book of Revelation in April 1976. (Tapes of this Symposium are available). They also maintain a weekly Radio ministry. This summer, Walton enjoyed the services of seminary student Bob Hemphill, who did summer field work in this congregation.

Summer Junior Camps were held at White Lake through the month of July, and an abbrieviated Family Camp will be held there August 25-30. White Lake is a joint venture of the New York and St. Lawrence Presbyteries.

Our statistical report was forwarded to the stated Clerk. The Travel Fund is paid in full.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert McCracken, Clerk

Dr. F. F. Reede was announced to the Synod as being at his 6th Synod.

The Special Resolution by Duncan Lowe (1975 minutes, page 149) was referred to the Testimony Revision Committee.

The Report of the Board of Education and Publication was taken up. Item 5 was adopted. Nominations were called for from the floor, but none were offered. Ronald Nickerson was elected by ballot to a three year term as Director of Publication. The Editor of the COVENANTER WITNESS was given a rising vote of thanks by the Synod for his commendable work on the Church-s Paper.

The Report of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College was read. Item 1 was referred to the Finance Committee. Item 2 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 3 was adopted. Item 4 was added and adopted. The report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE 1976

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College acknowledges its dependence upon our Heavenly Father and we give Him our thanks for His guidance throughout the past year.

The Board, under the chairmanship of Dr. J. Renwick Wright, has met twice during the past year. Other officers are Dean Smith, Vice President; John Wilson, Treasurer; and Ray Vos, Secretary.

The Board has elected the following Trustees of Geneva College in the class of 1979:

Nominated by the Trustees and elected were: W. Scott Bliss and Lumley F. Wilson

Nominated by the Alumni and elected were: Sidney Lockley and Mrs. A. Hoenstine

Nominated and re-elected from the RPCNA were imcumbents: Roy Blackwood, Delyte Morris, J. Merrill Robb, Dean Smith, and S. Bruce Willson.

Also nominated and elected from the RPCNA: Joseph McFarland and James D. Carson.

The Board also elected Kenneth G. Smith to replace David Armstrong in the class of 1978.

To the Board of Corporators of Geneva College, we have re-elected the four incumbents: Robert Baumgartner, Donald McBurney, Mrs.

Robert Park and Wayne Spear.

The Board also elected Kenneth Smith to fill the unexpired term of David Armstrong.

In other business, the Board has amended Article III, Section 5, of its by-laws. A paragraph providing for exceptions to the rule restricting faculty appointments in the Department of Bible to communicant members of the RPCNA was added so that Article III, Section 5 now reads as follows:

> "The Board of Trustees shall establish and maintain a regular faculty for all departments of the college, shall determine the number and classification thereof, and the departments of instruction, and shall appoint the members of the faculty in the Department of Bible from communicant members of the RPCNA.
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> Individual and specific exceptions to the requirement for the Department of Bible may be made upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees and with the approval of the Board of Corporators. The Chairmanship of the Department of Bible may not be included in any exceptions to this requirement."

In related business, the Board of Corporators has granted authority to the Board of Trustees to extend employment to Dr. Willem VanGemerem in the Department of Bible for the 1977-78 academic year.

The Board has also proposed a change in Section 21 of the by-laws which will permit the Board of Trustees to declare a vacancy on that Board for cause and to fill that vacancy for the balance of the term from among persons qualified in the same category to which the person vacating the position belonged. In addition, the Board acting on implicit authority, has declared the position held by Robert Greenlee vacant and has elected Joseph Lamont to the Board of Trustees, class of 1977.

The Board respectfully submits the following recommendations:

1. That the Board of Corporators be granted $600.00 for travel expenses for the coming year.
2. That the incumbent, John Russell, be re-elected by Synod to the Board of Corporators in the class of 1979.
3. That J. Merrill Robb be heard on the floor of Synod on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College.
4. That the Synod receive the Report of the Trustees of Geneva College.

C. Ray Vos, Secretary
Geneva College Board of Corporators

J. Merrill Robb was heard on behalf of Geneva College. The Report of the Board of the Trustees of Geneva College was received and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GENEVA COLLEGE

(May 1, 1975 through April 30, 1976)

To The Board of Corporators of Geneva College:

We express our thanks to our Heavenly Father for another favorable year. Some of our problems were resolved and we are thankful for continued financial provisions.

Our meetings are now held on Fridays and are four in number: May 23 and October 24, 1975 and January 23 and March 26, 1976.

Our enrollment was a little larger than the number used in making the 1975-1976 budget. This is a very sensitive area in college planning. Our experience shows careful attention to this important relationship. We give thanks to God and to concerned college persons, parents and others for this blessing.

At its January 23, 1976 meeting, the Board of Trustees reversed its prior action on social or ballroom dancing. Therefore, the policy of Geneva College, prohibiting social or ballroom dancing on campus or at any college function, continues to be in affect.

Weekly formal worship chapel or weekly small group discussion chapels, under planned leadership, are elected by each student. Monthly all-school worship chapel services are held. Local guest ministers and others speak and lead, assisted by faculty and student representatives. Non-local participants included: Dr. Bernard Ramm, the Rev. John Perkins, Dr. Francis Nigel Lee, Dr. John Gerstner, the Rev. Jack Chisholm and Dr. R. C. Sproul. A summer conference for pastors and lay leaders is planned for June 7 through 9, 1976.

The Board gives attention to academic, student, faculty, curriculum and other matters, especially as they are presented by the administration for our information, discussion and counsel. The strike by the food service, maintenance and custodial employees called for a large amount of administration and trustee consideration this year. Some constantly recurring items, among others, are:

1. faculty appointments, promotions, academic preparation and advancement, salary and benefits, and local, national and international achievements of individual faculty members;

2. student enrollment, housing and food, costs and fees, scholarships and other aid, activities, requests, co-curricular matters and health care; and

3. curriculum, finance, building and grounds, spiritual affairs, alumni and numerous other concerns.

The demolition of the Armstrong Cork Company buildings is continuing.

The financial position is sound. For this we are thankful. Our efforts have been blessed. However, constant watchfulness, careful planning, persistent search for Development Fund givers and strong giving response by all of us are necessary. The Phon-O-Thon resulted in pledges of $16,681 by 766 alumni (up to March 26, 1976). The goal is $26,000 with 26% of the alumni to be contributors by June 30. If we of the Alumni Association and of the R. P. Church give generously, others are more likely to do the same. We are all zealous for Geneva to "measure up". This requires real support, both financial and in all other ways. Our financial position for the year 1976-1977, hopefully, will be that of a "break-even" budget.

As of March 12, 1976, pledges to the Development Fund totalled $6,577,774 and $6,451,189 had been paid in. As of the same date, Church pledges totalled $530,277 with $519,868 paid in.

This year 1216 students were enrolled in the day school (September 1975). The total enrollment for day, evening and summer schools was 1763. During 1976 it is expected that 310 students will be graduated, including 14 with associate degrees.

The Rev. R. C. Sproul, Director and Staff Theologian at the Ligonier Valley Study Center, will deliver the Baccalaureate address to the graduating class on Sabbath evening, May 2, 1976. Commencement exercises are to be held in Metheny Field House on Tuesday, May 4, 1976 at 10:00 A. M. The speaker will be the Honorable John N. Sawyer, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Beaver County.

At the 1975 Commencement exercises, honorary degrees were conferred upon the following persons:

> The Rev. Lawrence Wendell Bottoms received the honorary degree Doctor of Laws.
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> The Rev. Albery N. Martin received the honorary degree Doctor of Divinity.

The terms of the following members of the Board of Trustees expire in 1976 and their successors should be chosen:

Representing the Reformed Presbyterian Church — Rev. Roy Blackwood, Jr., Miss Delyte Morris, Mr. D. Raymond Park, Mr. J. Merrill Robb, Mr. Thomas R. Smyth, Rev. Dean R. Smith, Rev. S. Bruce Willson.

Representing the Alumni Association — Mrs. Arthur C. Hoenstine, Mr. Sidney L. Lockley.

Members Certified by the Board of Trustees — Mr. W. Scott Bliss, Mr. Eugene F. Jannuzi.

The values of college property and endowment Funds are as follows:

	1976 (Audit of 6-30-75)	1975 (Audit of 6-30-74)
(1) Land (1955 Appraisal)	$ 504,959	$ 504,959
(2) Buildings (1975 and 1974 Appraisals)	17,753,518	16,472,299
(3) **Other** land and buildings (At Cost, or Market Value at Date of Gift)	1,079,099*	1,038,112**
(4) Equipment & furnishings (1971 Appraisal)	1,886,359	1,886,359
(5) Equipment & furnishings (since 1971 Appraisal)	425,439	328,491
(6) Market Value of Endowment	3,364,969	3,358,157
(7) Size of campus	112.208 acres	112.208 acres

* Armstrong property (total) $ 915,714
New Mexico property (gift) 13,266
Brandt property (gift) 8,500
Armstrong demolition (1st Ph) 78,991
Renovation of plant facilities 55,332
Transfer of donated land from Development Fund 7,296
$1,079,099

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New Mexico property (gift) 13,266
Brandt property (gift) 8,500
Armstrong demolition 1st Ph) 78,991
Renovation of plant facilities 21,641
$1,038,112

We would respectfully request that President Edwin Clarke be heard by the Synod on behalf of the College.

The Board of Trustees is thankful to God for the persons who labor faithfully in the Administration, the Faculty and the Staff. We believe that the students are receiving a quality education and are being prepared to face the difficult times in which we live. At the same time, the Board is very conscious of the need to constantly examine our policies and to initiate new ideas which will contribute to the overall aims of the College.

J. Merrill Robb
President

Jean L. Hemphill
Secretary

Synod heard a written report from Dr. Edwin Clarke, who could not be present. The Clerk was instructed to correspond with Dr. Clarke to express our appreciation for his work.

The report of the Committee on the Officers of the Church was taken up. It was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee has not met in the light of the heavy agenda before Synod. Study materials on matters before us have appeared in **The Church And Her Ministry** and the **Witness**. A special issue of the **Witness** during early 1977 will present additional discussion. We recommend the following:

1. that the Committee be continued and Lee P. Bittner, II be replaced.
2. that the Committee be extended by 2 members.
3. that during the year sessions and individuals send in original materials and feedback to **Witness** articles. (A full report and recommendations will be available for the 1977 Synod.)

Respectfully,
Ronald W. Nickerson
Edward A. Robson

It was moved that the Nominating Committee, in light of the physical ailment of Dr. J. G. Vos, appoint an additional member or members to the Committee on the Verbal Revision of the Westminster Confession of Faith in Cooperation with other Reformed Bodies. The motion carried.

The Report of the Japan Commission was read, received and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE JAPAN COMMISSION TO THE 1976 SYNOD

Since the Commission's report to the 1975 Synod, there have been a number of changes among the personnel of the Commission. In July, 1975, Rev. Gene Spear left for the U. S. for a year of furlough. In August, 1975, Rev. Toshio Masunaga left for a year of study in the U. S. at the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary. Then in September, 1975, Rev. Samuel Boyle left for the U. S. as he had reached retirement age. The Commission wishes to extend its heartfelt thanks to Rev. Boyle for his many years of faithful service to the Japan Commission. During the past year, we have greatly missed his ever ready good humour; but, even more so the spiritual encouragement that he has been to all of us. The tears in the eyes of many of the Japanese church members at the Osaka Airport were a testimony to the love that the people here hold for Rev. and Mrs. Boyle.

The three ministers leaving for the U. S. left the pulpits vacant in all three congregations. Rev. Pennington took up the work at the Kasumigaoka Congregation where Rev. Boyle had worked. Mr. Miwa, a graduate of the Reformed Seminary in Kobe, served at the Higashi Suma Congregation during Rev. Masunaga's absence. Mr. Takiura, also a graduate of the Kobe Reformed Seminary, assisted Rev. Sterrett at the Keiyaku Congregation during Rev. Spear's furlough.

In November, 1975, Mr. Miwa and Mr. Takiura were examined and licensed to preach the Gospel. Each man presented two sermons to the Commission, which were preached at evening services on four Sabbaths in November at the Higashi Suma Church. On November 30, 1975, Commission met to examine the candidates. Their sermons and

examinations in Systematic Theology, Church History, R. P. Distinctive Principles, and personal piety were unanimously sustained and the two men were licensed.

At the time of Mr. Miwa's and Mr. Takiura's licensure, the Commission after considerable discussion, decided that these two men could be of greater service to the church as ordained ministers serving as missionaries of the Japan Commission. Steps were then taken to prepare for the ordination of the two men on January 11, 1976. Following ordination, in an impressive service at the Higashi Suma Church, Rev. Miwa and Rev. Takiura were introduced as new members of the Japan Commission. Over the past six months, both men have made very valuable contributions to the work of the Commission.

At the January meeting of the January meeting of the Commission, Rev. Miwa was appointed chairman of a committee to consider a revision of the Japanese Psalter and to plan the making of a tape recording of the Psalms. Under Rev. Miwa's direction, much progress has been made in the making of a Psalm recording for the use of the members of the Church. It is hoped that the recording, which is mainly the work of the young people, will be ready for distribution in the near future. The committee has also distributed a very detailed questionaire to the church members and adherents to aid in beginning work on a revision of the Psalter.

On July 5, 1976, Rev. Takiura left for the U. S. to begin a year of graduate work at the Reformed Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. He will be working toward a Master's degree in Christian Education.

We are thankful to God for His many blessings during the past year. Since the Commission's report to the 1975 Synod, the Lord has added 11 new adult members to His Church and 11 Covenant children. There seems to be considerable spiritual growth as many of the Japanese members are assuming more responsibility for the work of the church. Please pray that God will stir these people to the work of taking the Gospel to their fellow countrymen.

At present, the Commission is anticipating the return of Rev. Masunaga and Rev. Spear. We are, also, beginning the work of exploring areas for possible new work. Several possible areas just outside Kobe have been under consideration and some preliminary exploration has been done. One encouraging factor is that some of the Japanese members are enthusiastic about being involved in the work of outreach. Please pray that the Lord will give the Commission direction as we consider this matter. Please pray not only that new congregations will be begun; but, also, that the churches here will become fruitful in the work of proclaiming the Good News of Salva-

tion in Christ to the world around them.

Respectfully submitted,
William J. Sterrett,
Clerk of Commission

The Report of the Committee to Restudy the Overture on Terms of Communion and Church Membership was taken up.

Synod was recessed in prayer by Ray Morton.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 1:30 P. M.

Synod reconvened in prayer by June McElroy.

The Roll was noted.

Minutes of the previous session were read and approved as corrected.

Unfinished business Item 2—The Committee on the Question on Covenanting—was taken up item by item. Items 1 and 2 carried. The time was extended to consider items 3 and 4. Items 3 and 4 carried. The report as a whole was adopted and appears with its recommendations in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The matter of granting autonomy to the Greek Evangelical Church in Cyprus was taken up. The following recommendations were adopted.

1. In reference to the autonomy of the Greek Evangelical Church of Cyprus the Board of Foreign Missions has examined the Confession of Faith, Covenant and Constitution of the church and find that they have met the conditions stipulated in the report to the 1975 Synod of the Committee to study paper number 8 (pg. 93, Minutes of Synod, 1975) concerning autonomy for the Cyprus Church. We, therefore, recommend that Synod grant autonomy for the Greek Evangelical Church of Cyprus.

2. That the Moderator and President of the Board of Foreign Missions and C. C. Christou lead in prayer consumating this action.

The Moderator and C. C. Christou led in prayer consumating this action. The Subordinate documents of the Greek Evangelical Church of Cyprus were filed with the Clerk. C. C. Christou was seated as a representative of the Greek Evangelical Church of Cyprus and accorded the privileges of the floor.

The Report of the Foreign Mission Board was taken up. Dr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Boyle were presented to the court and acknowledged for their 25 years of overseas service by a rising expression of appreciation by the court.

The Items of the report were taken up item by item. Item 1 was approved. Item 2 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 3

was adopted. Item 4 was adopted as ammended.

The time was extended to finish this part of the Report and hear the Report of the Committee to Canvas the Overture.

Item 5a was adopted. Items 5b-f were adopted as ammended.

The Report of the Committee to Canvass the Overture was read. The Moderator in consultation with the parlimentarians ruled that the number of sessions voting in favor of the overture must be 42 instead of the 41 reported by the committee in order for the overtures to carry. The action of the Moderator was challenged. Before the vote to challenge the Moderator, Wayne Spear led in prayer asking for God's guidance. The vote was taken to support the ruling of the Moderator.

It was declared that Overtures 1, 3, and 4 carried and become the law and order of the church. Overture 2 was lost.

The Report was adopted as ammended and is as follows:

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, N. A. 1976

Report of the Committee to Canvass the Overtures Voted on by Sessions

1. Our tally is based on record of:

Total Sessions in America, Cyprus and Japan		67
of which these are provisional as follows:		(5)
Midwest Presby.—Park City and Hot Springs		
Ohio-Illinois Presby.—Ogemaw & Chicago		
Pittsburgh Presby.—Wilkinsburg		
Total regular Session		**62**

2. Total Overture Vote Reports Received:

a. From regular Sessions	61	
Sessions not reporting	1	
Total		**62**
b. From provisional Sessions	3	
Provisional Sessions not reporting	2	
Total		**5**

c. One report showed *"no vote"* on any overture.
Two reports showed, *"no vote"* on Overture 3 or 4.
One report showed *"not vote"* on Overture 4.

3. We would consider 2/3 of our total of 62 regular sessions, or 42, is the figure to be used as the required votes for passage of each overture.

4. The tally of votes is:

Overture 1	50 "yes"	10 "no"	(60) A majority of elders voted "yes"
Overture 2	41 "yes"	19 "no"	(60) A majority of elders voted "yes"
Overture 3	54 "yes"	4 "no"	(58) A majority of elders voted "yes"
Overture 4	49 "yes"	8 "no"	(57) A majority of elders voted "yes"

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G. M. Robb
R. B. Weir
R. K. McConaughy (Ch.)

* *We recommend that designation of provisional sessions be included on statistical reports to the Stated Clerk by Presbyteries.*

The court adjourned in prayer by Louis Hutmire.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 8 A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday, August, 17 at 8 a.m. The court was constituted in prayer by Roy Leino.

The Roll was noted.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved as corrected.

The Synod voted to reconsider the Report of the Committee to Canvass the Overture. Waldo Mitchel led in prayer asking God to guide us in the vote concerning the sending the overture on "Session-Controlled Communion" down in overture. Synod voted to send the overture back to the sessions in overture.

Synod appointed a committee to interpret the phrases "true church" and "must be examined" as they appear in the overture, to report to the Synod next year. This was referred to the Nominating Committee.

The Report of the Committee to Canvass the Overture was adopted.

Neal Riffert, fraternal delegate from the Reformed Church in the U.S., Eureka Classes, addressed the court and brought greetings from that denomination.

The Report of the Committee to Study the Overture on Terms of Membership and Communion was taken up. Items 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 were adopted as amended by unanimous vote. Item 4 was laid on the table until 3 p.m. to allow the committee time to consider revisions that have been suggested.

The Nominating Committee presented a ballot to fill vacancies on Boards and Standing Committees of Synod. Opportunity was given for Nominations from the floor. Prior to the vote Synod was led in prayer by Wendell Spear.

A partial Report of the Nominating Committee was read. Items 1-4 had already been adopted. Items 5, 6, 8 and 9 were adopted. Items 7, 10, 11, and 12 were referred back to the Committee.

Jack Peterson, fraternal delegate of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, addressed the court and brought fraternal greetings from that denomination.

The Report of the Board of Home Missions was taken from the table. Information regarding the suppliments to Presbyteries was handed out to the delegates. Item 3 was adopted. Item 6 was adopted. The Report as a whole was adopted as amended and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

The Board respectfully reports that 2 meetings were held since the last meeting of Synod, with the possibility of an additional meeting at this Synod. The officers are: President, John O. Edgar; Vice-President, William Finley; and Secretary, A. Wayne Duffield. (Louis D. Hutmire, as denominational Treasurer, is a member and Treasurer of the Board, ex offico.)

The Board finished 1975 with a balance of $8,811.97, which is being applied to the 1976 budget. This was due to the fact that funds budgeted for specific items were either not needed or requested. Of the $65,742 granted to the Presbyteries for 1975, $62,142 was distributed. The difference represents a cut in the funds for the projected new work of the Iowa Presbytery for Iowa City. In 1975 the Board, through the Presbyteries, supported 8 new works (Iowa City, Easton Area, Hays, Westminster, Lawrence, West Lafayette Student Ministry, Walnut, and exploratory efforts of the St. Lawrence Presbytery), 9 aid receiving congregations, 1 mission station, and the Southern Mission. The new work at Walnut, California was terminated by the Pacific Coast Presbytery on December 9, 1975.

For 1976 $47,240 has been granted to supplement the work of the Presbyteries. At present $38,892 is projected for distribution. The difference is due to a cut in funds for Iowa City and the termination of the new work at Walnut, California. At present, through the Presbyteries, the Board is supporting 6 new works (Easton Area, Hays, Westminster, Lawrence, West Lafayette Student Ministry, Rochester), 6 aid receiving congregations, 1 mission station, and the Southern Mission. No additional requests have been received to date for new work since the last meeting of Synod.

We record with Christian sorrow the death of Dr. Claude C. Brown on September 17, 1975, pastor and missionary of the Selma Congregation and the Southern Mission, where he served His Lord since 1940. The Board expresses its deep appreciation for the ministry of Dr. Brown in the cause of Christ and we are thankful to God for him.

The Board has continued its work with the Southern Mission through the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery, and plans to continue to do so. The effort continues to separate the work of the congregation from the mission work. There have been encouraging signs of progress. In 1975 $11,540.35 was expended in the work of the Southern Mission. The 1976 budget calls for the expenditure of $12,732. The Church Extension Commission of the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery has been working hard to secure a new pastor and missionary for the Selma work. All of the efforts of the Commission are much appreciated by the Board. The W. S. M. S. no longer directly pays the salaries of the women missionaries. The contributions of the W. S. M. S. are now a part of Synod's budget and are received by the Board through this channel.

The Placement and Training Committee has set up a Summer Intern Program for this year. The program has been set up in conjunction with the Professor of Practical Theology of the R.P. Seminary and the local Session. The program will be for approximately 12 weeks (June 7 - August 27). A number of requests have been received for this program and considered by the Board.

The Board has adopted the following statement on objectives and goals.

I. Objective:

To advance the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, particularly in the area of strengthening and expanding the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America in both its evangelical witness and teaching specifically by:

A. Praying for and witnessing to the salvation of men through faith in Jesus Christ.

B. Building up converts in the knowledge of the Scripture with the view toward active membership in the RPCNA, and continuing to build, in these lives, an appreciation for the Reformed Faith and to set forth the urgency of the purity of the visible church in doctrine, practice, and discipline.

C. Stiring up among Reformed Presbyterian congregations the vision of an active outreach ministry as a normal function of the local church.

D. Assisting presbyteries as they encourage evangelistic works, make decisions on new outreach areas, and seek to renew older areas facing other decisions.

II. Goals:

A. Assist presbyteries in:

1. Conducting seminars in Church Outreach Procedures
2. Co-ordinating fund requests, and giving counsel in the

use of funds
3. Counseling each Presbytery on home missions
4. Arranging for evaluation teams, when new outreach areas are under study
5. Helping in the student training programs

B. Employ a Home Missions Executive Secretary to lead in the following areas of the Board's responsibility:
1. To set before this Board continuing long range goals
2. To research Reformed methods of church extension
3. To co-ordinate seminar training programs for the presbyteries
4. To counsel the Session or Commission as they evaluate a new outreach area
5. To set before presbyteries possible new outreach areas
6. To develop materials relating to evangelism and church extension.
7. To counsel new work leadership facing decisions, such as property, pace, etc.
8. To inform and challenge our Synod on the need for evangelistic outreach
9. To keep before the church the financial investment in starting a new work
10. To periodically meet with each presbyteries committee on home missions
11. To visit areas receiving financial aid to evaluate future needs
12. To regularly publicize the Home Mission projects throughout the church
13. To interview persons involved and evaluate the effectiveness of Student Training Programs

After considerable debate the Board decided not to bring to Synod any recommendation this year concerning the selection of a Home Missions Executive Secretary.

Recommendations:

1. That the Board be authorized to make any necessary adjustments and grants as conditions may warrant.

2. That Presbyteries carefully analyze and evaluate their own situation; especially their church extension program, that they pray and budget accordingly, and that they provide the Board with the necessary information as requested in the forms provided by the Board in order that wise decisions may be made in the use of the Lord's money.

3. That the supplements for the Church Extension Program of the various Presbyteries (for 1977) be considered and approved at this

meeting of Synod.

4. That the Home Mission Board be granted $16,341 from Synod's budget.

5. That at this meeting of Synod the representatives from the Iowa Presbytery, St. Lawrence Presbytery, and 3 Synod appointees, one of whom is to be a woman, be elected. (Those whose terms expire at this meeting are: Joseph Caskey, Duncan Lowe, Robert McCracken, Mrs. Charles McKissock, Arlan Ramsay, and Edward Robson).

6. That if a minister feels a responsibility to resign his pastorate, with the approval of the Presbytery, and does not receive a call immediately, he shall be employed by the church at large, at his regular salary, for a period of 3 months, unless, in the meantime he has received a call elsewhere or has become otherwise employed, at which time the payments shall cease. Each Presbytery is to initiate the oversight of situations needing this program by; (a) assisting the pastor to find employment in the church at large, and (b) applying to the Home Mission Board for funds to carry out the program should additional funds become necessary. With respect to an aid-receiving congregation which loses its pastor, aid to Presbytery will continue through the calendar year. The Presbytery will be expected to assume responsibility for determining how the aid shall be used, and to make adjustments as conditions in the congregation may warrant. Presbyteries shall revise budgeted requests to the Board as they determine definite local needs.

Respectfully submitted,
A. Wayne Duffield, Secretary

D. Howard Elliott, Synod's representative to the National Association of Evangelicals, read his report. Items 1 and 2 were adopted; the Report was received and is as follows:

N. A. E. REPORT

The 1975 Synod made no appointment of a delegate to attend the 1976 N. A. E. Convention so I, as your representative on the N. A. E. Board of Administration, will report briefly.

The annual N. A. E. Convention was held as a joint venture for this one year only with the National Religious Broadcasters, Feb. 23-25 in Washington, D.C. The N. R. B. annually holds a convention in Washington and is an affiliate of the N. A. E. the N. A. E. moves its conventions each year to a different city, the next one will be in Chicago next February.

The N. R. B. is a large organization gathering together most of the evangelical broadcasters, Christian radio and TV stations and Christian programs world wide. You would be amazed as the total number of

Christian radio stations operating around the clock and several new ones go on the air every month.

The joint convention drew some 3,000 to Washington and included a number of national political figures on the program such as President Ford, Charles Coleson, Sen. Mark Hatfield, Chairman Wylie of the Federal Communications Commission and a number of Congressmen who addressed various workshop sessions. The N. A. E. and N. R. B. had separate programs except for the evening programs and a couple of luncheon and banquet programs. The final banquet was supposed to have been addressed by Billy Graham, but when he was detained by illness, Dr. Krancis Shaeffer was brought from Switzerland to give the final message.

The N. A. E. operates somewhat through commissions and affiliates. Affiliates are separate organizations but tied into the N. A. E., the N. A. E. having a final say as to their board members. These affiliates are: National Religious Broadcasters, National Sunday School Association, National Association of Christian Schools, National Association of Evangelical Students and Evangelical Foreign Missions Association. N. A. E. Commissions are completely controlled by the N. A. E. and are: World Relief, Chaplaincy, Evangelical Chruchmen (laymen), Evangelical Social Action, Higher Education, Evangelism and Home Missions, Stewardship and Women's Fellowship. We have our members serving on most of these commissions. Our church does not have specific work carried on in such fields as broadcasting, Christian schools, world relief, or social action. We may not feel that we are large enough to have separate agencies to work in these fields, but through the N. A. E. we can still have some part and not ignore Christian responsibility along some of these lines. No doubt many of us do contribute to world needs through the W. R. C. But how do we go about expressing ourselves in the field of social action in opposition to our cultural sins of abortion, misused drugs, pornography, alcoholism, sexism, etc.? We can at least take our stand publicly along with the N. A. E. Commission on Social Action. They are only asking represented denominations to contribute $25.00 a year and a pooling of interest and help. These commissions seek to set up seminars in various parts of the country. The Stewardship Commission is especially active and could be of help to Synod's Board of Trustees in education for fund raising.

We are the only Presbyterian body officially affiliated with N. A. E. although many individual Presbyterians are involved. Many of the churches, probably most of them, are arminian in their theology, but there is a conscious effort to maintain Calvinistic representation. In proportion to our size we do have valuable influence in guiding actions and helping to formulate policy and the writing of bylaws. The organization is growing and now needs a new central office and has

purchased land in Wheaton, Ill. for the construction of a new building. We will be approached to help with the costs by a contribution toward construction.

Recommendations:

1. That we encourage our representatives on the various commissions of N. A. E. to be as active as they can and to keep the church informed in these fields as the needs arise.

2. That aside from our annual contribution to the N. A. E. we contribute $500.00 from the Miscellaneous fund to the N. A. E. building program of $600,000.

D. Howard Elliott

Synod was recessed in prayer by Norman Carson.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1:30 P. M.

Synod reconvened in prayer by R. Paul Wright.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved as corrected.

The Report of the Temperence Committee was taken up. The Report was adopted as amended and is as follows:

REPORT OF SYNOD'S TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

During the past year, your Temperance Committee has endeavored to send out pertinent information, and sources of such information, for the use of local congregations in the continuing education of our covenant children on the hazards of drugs, including alcohol which has been labeled, "America's Number One Drug Problem".

Part of this mail-out was a questionaire that was specially designed to help the local congregation evaluate its own work.

The material sent out was but a small fraction of what is available, week by week, in the lay literature, emphasizing the dangers of drugs and especially alcohol. Time which might have been used in sending out more of this material was consumed in the task of writing, revising, editing, rewriting and finalizing a Statement of Goals and Purposes. Public recognition is hereby made of the work done by the Rev. Duncan Lowe in his drafting the Statement in its initial form; and to all those other men who took part in bringing about the final form.

Also, public recognition and thanks is hereby made for the work of Mrs. M. W. Dougherty and her team of dedicated ladies of Sterling, Kansas who so graciously acted as a Ladies Auxilliary in the Temperance Committee's work, in mimeographing and mailing out the material sent to our congregations.

It is hoped that the material, and the Questionaire, have been helpful to those engaged in promoting our Church's concept of that system for survival known as "The Christian Way of Life".

Concerning the Questionaire for the evaluation of local temperance work, the following facts are presented:

Of the 210 sent out, 40 were returned. Of these, 12 were from the Midwest Presbytery, 4 from the Iowa Presbytery, 5 from the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery, 5 from the New York Presbytery, 4 from the Pacific Coast Presbytery and 11 from the Pittsburgh Presbytery.

The questions asked and the answers given are as follows:

1. Do you have a Temperance Committee or Temperance Chairman in your congregation? Ans. "yes" - 10; "no" - 30.
2. The W. M. S. is expected to have a Temperance Supt. Do you have one? Ans. "yes" - 31; "no" - 9.
3. Does your congregation have a plan or program for presenting and teaching temperance? Ans. "yes" - 16; "no" - 24.
4. Does your Session take any responsibility for seeing that temperance is promoted in the congregation? Ans. "yes" - 12; "no" - 28.
5. Does your pastor ever preach on temperance? Has he done so within the past year? Ans. "yes" - 30; "no" - 10.
6. Is there opposition to the promoting of total abstinence in your congregation? Ans. "yes" - 12; "no" - 28.
7. What are some temperance promotion ideas that you have used that could be passed on to others? Ans. 22 made suggestions; 18 gave none.
8. What suggestions do you have for Synod's Temperance Committee? Ans. 22 made suggestions; 18 made no suggestions.
9. Does your congregation have access to audio-visual projectors? Ans. "yes" - 39; "no" - 1.

PURPOSE—GOALS—METHODS

The following is a compendium of ideas regarding the purpose, goals, and methods of Synod's Temperance Committee as ordered by the Synod 1975.

From the first, the project seemed doomed to failure, as far as satisfying everyone, because of the present divergence of opinions regarding the Church's right and obligation to regulate the behavior of the individual for the welfare of the other members of the Church.

In the light of the Rev. Duncan Lowe's expressed interest in the Committee's aims and activities, as expressed by him on the floor of Synod in 1975, it seemed only fitting and proper to express his views in written form, which he did in a most detailed and admirable fashion. For this, the Committee thanks him publicly.

His efforts were then presented to several leaders of our Church, for editing and expanding.

The final result is before you, adopted in Committee meeting in Topeka, on June 1, 1976, for presentation to Synod, as being consistent with the law and order of the Church as it now stands.

R. Paul Wright, M.D., Chairman
Synod's Temperance Committee

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE, GOALS, AND METHODS OF SYNOD'S TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

I. PURPOSE

In view of Scriptural teaching that Christians are to give careful attention to the preserving of their bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit, and in view of the state of Society in which abuses of alcohol and other drugs are wide-spread problems affecting all classes and ages, it is fitting that the RPCNA make special effort to provide adequate information, timely counsel and strong deterrents to its members on these dangers. It is therefore, the specific mission of Synod's Temperance Committee to assist and stimulate the regular teaching ministeries of the congregations by supplying educational materials, consistent with the total teachings of Scripture, which speak to the problems of drug abuse, including alcohol and thus encourage the maintenance of a consistent and forthright witness to the total Scriptural claim upon man's life.

II. GOALS

To warn against the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse by a serious and non-speculative presentation of physiological, psychological and sociological facts.

1. By pointing out the dangerous loss of control and the degrading psychological distortions which are the frequent immediate effects on the individual through alcohol or other drug intake.
2. By pointing out the serious long term disintegrative effects upon the individual's spirituality, personality, health, family life, and job-effectiveness caused by the continued use of alcohol or other drugs.
3. By pointing out that any drinking of alcohol, or other drug abuse may needlessly endanger the life of the individual using these drugs: and the lives of others who are hurt by the erratic behavior of those using these drugs.
4. By pointing out today's wide-spread underground drug culture which preys especially on youth and which fosters

a spirit of escape from reality and responsibility.

5. By pointing out the selfishness of those who seek to make their living by preying upon the weaknesses of others, and who, by false advertising, seek to lure people into a life of drug dependancy.
6. By pointing out the inconsistency of allowing the drug, alcohol, to be legally sold and widely advertised, while declaring other mind-altering drugs to be illegal.
7. By pointing out the need for a system of warnings against the use of drugs, presented in a manner that would allow the scientific facts concerning the harmful effects of drugs to be presented in our public schools where such information is badly needed.
8. By pointing out the overwhelming advantages of the present Covenanter philosophy of "prevention" of drug problems, as opposed to the very expensive, time-consuming, and great uncertainty of "cure".
9. By pointing out the utter inconsistency of professed followers of Christ indulging in any use of alcohol, that directly or indirectly is in disobedience to the clear command of Scripture as found in II Corinthians 3:17 which says, "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy."
10. By pointing out the harm in setting any kind of worldly and non-biblical "moderation" example to our own Covenant children who, if they beheld their parents and others whom they consider as examples using alcoholic beverages in this way, might very well go far beyond the supposed "moderation" of those who were their "examples".
11. By pointing out that while Christians have "freedom" in Christ, this "freedom" is not the "right" to do what we want, but the "power" to do what we ought. Romans 15:1.
12. By pointing out the existence in Society of a wide-spread pattern of socially acceptable use of alcohol and alcohol-dependance—a philosophy which exerts a constant and insidious pressure towards the distortion of true Christian values.

B. To promote a truly Christian world-and-life view in clear distinction from all motives of purely worldly prudence or humanistic morality. II Corinthians 5:10.

1. By setting forth the whole Word of God as the standard by which man's life is to be governed.
2. By setting forth the teaching of Scripture that man was

originally created in the image of God, and that this lost image can be restored only when man is made a new creature by the power of the Holy Spirit.

3. By setting forth the Scriptural teaching concerning the "Stewardship" of the whole life, of man's accountability to God for the wise and proper use of his own body, of all his actions and of the proper use of all the good things which God has entrusted to man.
4. By setting forth the high standards of behavior which Jesus Christ sets for all His followers. "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you"; so said He who will be the Judge on the Last Day!John 15:14.
5. By setting forth the proper use of the freedom which is ours in Christ Jesus,—this Christian freedom which is not to be used in a manner harmful to ourselves or others.
6. By setting forth the Scriptural teaching that all that we do is to be done in love for God and for others whom we are to love as ourselves.
7. By indicating the manifest wisdom and Scriptural acceptability of the position of total abstinence.

III. METHODS

A. To provide appropriate literature to the R. P. Church.
   1. By reviewing currently available literature, for recommendation.
   2. By evaluating the need for such literature as is not currently available.
   3. By producing needed literature in cooperation with Synod's Board of Education and Publication, though not under the directives of said Board.

B. To provide appropriate visual aids and recordings, by calling attention to the many sources now available.

C. To establish cooperative relationships with appropriate groups outside the RPCNA.
   1. By maintaining correspondance with other Christian brotherhoods on the problems of alcohol and other drug abuse.
   2. By maintaining correspondance with other Christian brotherhoods who are actively engaged in promoting the Scriptural concepts of life and action.
   3. By continuing active membership and participation in the National Temperance and Prohibition Council.
   4. By encouraging our members to engage actively in support of those organizations that are promoting general knowledge throughout our Society concerning the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse.

The Report of the Board of Foreign Mission was taken up. Item 6 was adopted. The Report was laid on the table until C. C. Christou could be present.

The Report of the Elders Conference was read, received, and is as follows: Resolved that the elders feel that a medical and psychiatric examination for preseminarians is a good idea. Respectfully submitted, R. B. Weir.

The Report of the Board of Foreign Mission was taken up. Item 7 was adopted. The Report was laid on the table.

The Report of the Committee to Study the Overture on Terms of Membership and Communion was taken up. Item 4 was adopted as amended. The report as a whole was adopted and ordered sent down in overture.

Surrendra Gangadean, Donald Willson, Samuel Boyle, Robert More, Jr., Gene Spear, Ernest McKeown, Robert Fullerton, Glenn McFarland, and Philip Martin registered their dissent to the action of Synod.

Bruce Willson registered the following protest: I respectfully protest the acceptance of querry 4 in the proposed revision of the Covenant of Church Membership on the grounds the term "this church" remains an ambiguous reference. Signed, S. Bruce Willson.

The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE OVERTURE ON TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNION

The assignment of this committee was to restudy the overture on Terms of Membership and Communion sent down in 1974, with a view to resubmission to the sessions (1975 Minutes, p. 84). After preliminary correspondence, the committee met in Pittsburgh on May 10, 1976, with four members present (Thomas Smyth was unable to attend). After a full discussion, the following recommendation was unanimously adopted:

> That the following queries, entitled "Covenant of Church Membership," be sent down in overture to replace the present "Terms of Communion" and "Covenant of Church Membership" in the Constitution of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America:
>
> 1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule for faith and life?
>
> 2. Do you believe in the one living and true God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as revealed in the Scriptures?

3. Do you repent of your sin; confess your guilt and helplessness as a sinner against God; profess Jesus Christ, Son of God, as your Saviour and Lord; and dedicate yourself to his service? Do you promise that you will endeavor to forsake all sin, and to conform your life to His teaching and example?

4. Do you promise to submit in the Lord to the teaching and government of this church as being based upon the Scriptures and described in substance in the Constitution of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America? Do you recognize your responsibility to work with others in the church and do you promise to support and encourage them in their service to the Lord? In case you should need correction in doctrine or life do you promise to respect the authority and discipline of the church?

5. To the end that you may grow in the Christian life, do you promise that you will diligently read the Bible, engage in private prayer, keep the Lord's Day, regularly attend the worship services, observe the appointed sacraments, and give to the Lord's work as He shall prosper you?

6. Do you purpose to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness in all the relationships of life, faithfully to perform your whole duty as a true servant of Jesus Christ, and seek to win others to Him?

7. Do you make this profession of faith and purpose in the presence of God, in humble reliance upon His grace, as you desire to give your account with joy at the last Great Day?

Lester Kilpatrick
Darrell Parnell
Edward Robson
Wayne Spear

The court was recessed in prayer by David Burke.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 6:00 P. M.

Synod reconvened in prayer by Robert Fullerton.

The roll was noted.

The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted as corrected.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was taken up. Items 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 were adopted and the results of the election were announced. They appear with the Report of the Committee.

The Report of the Committee on Travel Fund and Absences was taken up. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 were amended and adopted. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

Committee on Travel Fund and Absences

Your committee would report that this year's travel fund expenses amount to $20,603.35. The travel expenses include half fare for two delegates from the Scottish Synod as ordered by the 1975 North American Synod (1975 Minutes, p. 118, rec. 5). The figure does not include the cost of a delegate from Cyprus as was directed by the 1975 Synod (1975 Minutes, p.93).

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Year	Rate	Receipts	Amount Paid	Difference
72	$2.25	$ 9,207.57	$12,520.68	$(3,313.11)
73	2.25	10,673.73	10,422.73	(3,062.11)
74	2.75	10,568.00	13,660.01	(6,154.12)
75	3.25	13,980.70	11,514.25	(3,718.37
76	3.75**	15,000.00*	20,603.35	(9,321.72)*
77	4.00	16,000.00*		

Due to the conference being held concurrently with this meeting of Synod, the moderator has granted excused absences to those having responsibilities at other parts of the conference. The use of delegates to Synod in other parts of the conference is a matter of concern to your committee. We believe that this practice should be discouraged in the future in order that the business of Synod may be properly carried out. Dr. F. F. Reade was granted optional attendance by the moderator.

D. Ray McCracken was not able to be at the full meeting of Synod in order to tend to the needs of his daughter, who is laid up with a broken leg.

Recommendations:

1. That the 1977 Synod travel allowances be:
   a. Delegates shall be reimbursed for travel expenses on the basis of air coach fare and transportation to and from the airport, unless it is cheaper to drive, or unless two or more delegates travel together. For those paid on the basis of driving a car, Synod shall pay 10¢ per mile, plus highway and bridge tolls.
   b. Round trip bus or train fare for delegates using these modes of travel.
2. That the congregational travel assessment for 1977 be set at $4.00 per communicant member as recorded in the 1976 Minutes of Synod, and that Presbyteries pay this amount for each of the communicant members on their rolls.
3. That delegates be paid by check.
4. That Donald Piper be allowed to participate in this year's travel fund as recommended by Pacific Coast Presbytery.

5. That we thank Mr. Louis Hutmire and Miss Judy Linhart for their help.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald V. Good
J. Bruce Martin, Chairman

*Estimated
**This is to be paid to the Denominational Treasurer by 12-31-76

The following resolution was adopted: That the Synod direct the Board of Education and Publication to bring to the 1977 Synod a proposal regarding the future relationship between the meeting of Synod and the National Conference.

The Report of the Inter-Church Correspondence Committee was taken up: Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 were adopted. Item 5 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 6 was adopted. Items 7 a, b, c, d, e, and f were adopted. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERCHURCH CORRESPONDANCE AND STUDY

Fraternal delegates have been appointed by your committee to the synods of the Christian Reformed Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, to the General Assemblies of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in America, and to the Annual Session of the Reformed Church in the United States, Eureka Classis. A letter was sent to the Reformed Church in the United States, Eureka Classis indicating the action of our 1975 Synod in approving formal fraternal relations with them. Fraternal delegates from each of the above denominations have been appointed to attend our Synod.

Our committee voted not to send a delegate to the meeting of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod in South Africa this year. Grounds for this decision are the expense of travel and the conflict of dates with our own meeting of Synod.

The National Presbyterian and Reformed Fellowship has postponed indefinitely its proposed Presbyterian and Reformed Congress; instead, regional conferences are planned in a number of locations.

The organizational meeting of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council was held at Beaver Falls, Pa. on October 31 and November 1, 1975. Five denominations were each approved by their own judicatories as charter members; they are: Christian Reformed Church, Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Church in America, Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod and our

church. Two issues were referred to special committees: a revision of the statement on Scripture in the Constitution (Sec. II), and the application of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church for membership. Of items suggested for joint study, "The Offices of the Church" seemed to have the highest priority, but no decision has been made as yet. The Council will meet again in Grand Rapids, Michigan in October. Calvin College has given a tentative invitation to all five judicatories in NAPARC to meet concurrently on their campus in 1978.

Representatives of Reformed Presbyterian (Covenanter) churches are scheduled to meet at Carleton (Friday, August 13, 1:30 p.m.) to discuss mutual concerns and the possibilities of closer ties between our several denominations.

Recommendations:

1. That presbyteries and congregations strongly support regional meetings of the NPRF.

2. That we accept the invitation of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries of the OPC to send representatives from each of our diaconal agencies (Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board and the R. P. Home) to a meeting of like agencies of NAPARC churches in the Pittsburgh area in October.

3. That we accept the invitation of the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church to hold our meeting of Synod during the period of June 13-23, 1978, at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich. simultaneously with the four member churches of NAPARC, if the five-Synod-meeting materializes.

4. That in response to an invitation from the Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to enter into fraternal relations with their denomination, we delay action until completion of the study of the ARPC by a committee of NAPARC; that in the meantime we exchange observers between our Synods.

5. That Elwood Woods be replaced in the Class of 1977.

6. That the Committee report on Paper No. 4 of this Synod be given to the Synod of 1977.

7. That the following recommendations arising from the Ad Hoc Committee of R. P. Churches be approved:

a. That the audio-visual presentation at the Carleton Conference on Friday evening on "The R. P. Church in the World" be made available to the respective countries: Scotland, Ireland, Australia, Japan, Cyprus and North America; that Roy Blackwood be requested to take the oversight of preparation of the material, and that up to $200 be made available for this purpose.

b. That our Board of Education and Publication cooperate with other R. P. Churches in preparing a written history and objec-

tives of R. P. Churches in the world.

c. That congregations be encouraged to subscribe to at least one copy of the **Covenanter Witness** of Ireland and Scotland.

(Covenanter Book Shop, 98 Lisburn Road, Belfast, North Ireland BT6-6AC)

d. That we encourage interchange of visiting members of church boards in our several countries.

e. That we continue to encourage interchange of pulpits in our several countires.

f. That we approve of the concept of a Consultative Assembly of R. P. Churches, and that a tentative date of 1978 be considered.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce C. Stewart	Lester E. Kilpatrick
John M. McMillan	Dean R. Smith
Donald Weilersbacher	John H. White
S. Bruce Willson	James M. Wright

The following resolution was adopted: That the Committee on Inter-Church Correspondence and Study study the issue of the recognition of the infallibility of Scripture in the Christian Reformed Church to recommend to the 1977 Synod whether or not fraternal relations and cooperation with that body in NAPARC should be continued.

The following resolution was adopted: That the matter of formal discussions with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Committee on Ecumenicity, proposed by their fraternal delegate, be referred to the Inter-Church Correspondence and Study Committee.

The following protests with respect to the vote of Synod on Article 4 of the Covenant of Church Membership were registered and are as follows: I protest the adoption of item 4 of the Terms of Communion on the following grounds:

1. Item 4 changes the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America from a strongly confessional church to a weakly confessional church.

2. Item 4 is ambiguous in describing "the church".

3. Item 4 implies the separation of the members of the church from her officers in relation to their subscriptions.

4. Item 4 uses the word "submit". On the floor of Synod in 1976 this word was defined in at least two different ways. This resulted in confusion on the floor of Synod as to the basis to be used for admission of new members. This will result in confusion and uneven application by the sessions across the church. Signed, Don B. Willson, Roy Adams, Robert Fullerton.

With respect to the vote of Synod on Article 4 of the Terms of Communion: believing that the terms "submit" in Article 4 of the

Terms of Communion does not require belief that the context of the Westminster Shorter Catechism is Scriptural; and believing that Article 4 would permit persons to be admitted to full membership in the church who do not believe doctrines central to the faith delivered to us by the faithful contending of our forefathers in the faith; and believing that this state of affairs is inconsistent with our task to advance Christ's Kingdom and fill the earth with the knowledge of the glory of God; we respectfully register our protests against this action of Synod. Signed, Surrendra Gangadean, Philip W. Martin.

The Report of the Judicial Committee was taken up. Item 1—paper 1—was referred to the Committee on Officers of the Church. Item 2—paper 7—was adopted. Item 3—paper 9—was adopted by more than a 2/3 majority of the Synod and ordered sent down in overture. Item 4—paper 11—was adopted. The Report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Four papers were referred to this committee for recommendation. They are as follows:

Paper 1

The specific request of the paper is "that Synod declare that a ruling elder may be elected as Moderator of Synod and that a ruling elder may also moderate the Session where there is no pastor".

Your committee would recommend that since a committee of Synod is already discussing these precise questions, (1975 Minutes, page 114, Item 4), this paper be referred to the Committee on Officers of the Chruch.

Paper 7

The particular aim of this paper is to get the Synod to discuss the relation of conscience and ordination vows, a pressing problem, especially for those facing ordination. All other points raised in the paper are secondary to this one.

One possible direction is to recommend the appointment of a new study committee.

Your committee believes that more can be accomplished if all elders, ruling and teaching, will study pertinent sections of the proposed revision of the Testimony. (e.g. Chapters 20, 22, 25 and 26). If these sections are inadequate as an answer, suggestions for strengthening them may be sent to the Testimony Committee.

Paper 9

"In view of the continuing general significance of the **Report of the Committee to Study Procedure for Conducting Overtures** adopted by the Synod in 1975, we petition that the following revisions in the

Book of Discipline, Chapter 8 be considered by the Synod for sending down in overture:

1. That the present Paragraph 5 be renumbered Paragraph 6.

2. That a new paragraph 5 be adopted as follows: "In counting votes on an overture, the voting Sessions, regular and provisional, shall be those as of December 31 following the Synod at which the overture was adopted and ordered sent down to the Sessions by the Synod. In the case of provisional Sessions, a teaching elder, functioning as a pastor and resident elders not voting in other Sessions, shall be permitted to vote. Their votes will be included in the total number of elders voting. However, the provisional session will not be included in determining the total number of Sessions voting, nor will their vote be counted as a Session. When an overture has been approved by the Synod, the clerk of the Synod shall send down the overture to the voting Sessions, regular and provisional, within 15 days after the December 31st date mentioned above."

The material in this proposal was, with minor changes, adopted by the Synod in 1975, but not sent down in overture (1975 Minutes, pp 84-85). Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of this paper, and if adopted by a 2/3rds majority, that the above changes be submitted in overture to the sessions.

Paper 11 reads as follows:

It is our understanding that the following actions of Iowa Presbytery (given here below as extracts from the Minutes of Presbytery) constitute a manifest intention to override the rights which constitutionally belong to the congregation.

Minutes of Iowa Presbytery, page 168, dated December 17, 1974, "The Report of the Presbytery visitation team to the Sharon and Morning Sun Congregations was presented by John McMillan. Motion made that we receive this report and see its proper distribution. The recommendation of the Visitation Committee was presented and is as follows: "That the Presbytery officially recommend to the Morning Sun and Sharon sessions that they begin to meet together to plan for the union of the two congregations, to take place within the next two years, and that Presbytery give its support to this work."

On page 175 of Minutes of Iowa Presbytery dated April 2, 1975, will be found this statement, "Morning Sun's (congregational) report was read and summarized as follows . . . . Also they reported cooperative work with the Sharon session but it was the opinion of the (Morning Sun) session that a vote to unite the two congregations at the present time would not be sustained."

At the meeting of Iowa Presbytery, April 7, 1976, the motion was passed, "To reaffirm the Declaration of the Presbytery to the two sessions of the desirability of union."

In particular we appeal to Synod for relief from the stated intention of Iowa Presbytery to coerce a union between Morning Sun and Sharon Congregations according to its own arbitrary timetable rather than in accordance with the majority will of the Morning Sun Congregation. The stated purpose of the Presbytery violates the Book of Church Gov't. Chap. III Sec. 15 which does not provide for union of two congregations until both congregations have voted in favor of such a union.

Your committee believes that this paper is an appeal, not to a specific action, but to an intention to take action. No actions have yet been taken to coerce the Morning Sun Congregation to act contrary to its will. There are, therefore, no actions to be reversed.

However, there is deep concern on the part of the Morning Sun Congregation that statements made both privately and officially might result in such action.

The Judicial Committee would remind the Morning Sun Session and Congregation that the Presbytery has not only the right, but also the responsibility to make such recommendations to the congregation under its care as they believe to be in the best interest of the congregation and for the glory of God. Such recommendations are to be taken seriously and acted upon unless adequate reason for dissent can be brought forward.

The Presbytery, on its part, needs to take into account the rights of a congregation and to remember that the merger of two congregations can take effect, not just on the desire and action of Presbytery, but on the majority vote of the two congregations involved.

Signed,
James Carson
Donald Willson
Robert McMillan
Wendell Spear
Roy Adams
Ray Joseph

Synod referred paper 7 to the Testimony Revision Committee and lifted restrictions on that Committee to enable them to deal with this issue.

Charles Chao addressed the court on the work of the Reformation Translation Fellowship.

The Report of the Cyprus Commission was read. Item 1 was referred to the Board of Foreign Mission. The Report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE CYPRUS COMMISSION

Three meetings of the Cyprus Commission have been held since the last meeting of Synod. The first meeting was held in Cyprus on

June 28, 1975, the second was held in America on May 4, 1976, and the third was held in America on August 16, 1976. Officers of the Commission for this year were: Rev. Robert A. Henning, Moderator, and John M. Mitchell, Clerk. Other members were Rev. E. Clark Copeland, Rev. C. C. Christoe, and N. Savva. Discussion and actions taken during the year dealt primarily with the transfer of the Academies in Cyprus to the Foundations and with other property and routine matters. It should be especially noted that the Commission terminated the Governing Body for the Larnaca Academy as of July 1, 1975, approved the continuation of the Governing Body for the American Academy for Girls in Nicosia for one year as of July 1, 1975, and approved the appointment of a Transitional Board to prepare for the new school year for the Nicosia Academy beginning July 1, 1976.

A report of the year's activities of the Greek Evangelical Church in Cyprus has been sent to the Commission by their Session and their report in its entirety is included in this report:

YEARLY REPORT OF THE SESSION OF THE GREEK EVANGELICAL CHURCH IN CYPRUS AND THE LOCAL MEMBERS OF THE CYPRUS COMMISSION OF SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA TO SYNOD: (Through the Cyprus Commission of the Synod in U. S. A.)

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name." (Mal. 3:16)

This verse gives us comfort knowing that it is not necessary to be able to do some great work for the Lord to be in His book of remembrance. We take heart, even if we are only able to speak a few words of His love and grace to "the little flock" in Cyprus, knowing that the Lord takes note of it and will not forget his service for Him.

The elders of the Greek Session beg to report to Synod that since our last report, to this date, have been continuing conducting services weekly in the three towns viz Nicosia, Larnaca and Limassol. Mr. Barnabas, an old disciple, is helping. His preaching is greatly appreciated. The elders have supervised the distribution of clothing to refugees sent from the United States. The young Christians in Larnaca, numbering 12 to 15 are continuing a Bible study under the sponsorship of elder Savva and the leadership of Nicos Anastasiou and Charalambos Cleanthous. A mid-week prayer meeting is held in Larnaca. Also taking place twice weekly is a foreign ladies Bible study group held alternately at the Savva, Vondiziano and Markou home. A

Bible study and mid-week prayer meeting are held in Limassol under the leadership of Mr. Philippides. In Nicosia a Bible study is being held by Mr. Barnabas, in his home, on Thursdays, which is attended by members of the Greek congregation and others, mostly Greek Orthodox. Mr. Roussos, who succeeded the late Lanitis in Limassol, to whom we gave hospitality by allowing him to use our premises free, lately separated himself and started another meeting with his followers, elsewhere, at the same hour and in the same town with unforeseen results. In this matter make your own judgement.

We are glad to report that the Synod of the Greek Evangelical Church of Greece, responding to our appeal for help, sent to Cyprus, periodically, four ministers in the following order: Rev. Smpraos, Rev. Marmaras, Rev. Sakellis and Rev. Elias, pastor of Katerini. These men have been able to minister to the congregation in the three towns, led Bible studies, establishing them in the faith. The Greek Synod paid all their expenses for travel. The church accommodated them and paid for their food and personal transport for the preaching they have done along with a personal gift in money from the Peponiades Trust, to two of them.

Since the reorganization of the congregation in 1973, the geographical nature of the congregation and residence of elders make oversight and congregational visitation difficult. We regret to report that since 1973 no proper visitation has been made. Attempts are being made to visit the congregations, hereafter, which we consider is very important.

During the period under survey the Session met six times. Communion services were held three times. Our last spring communion was held in Limassol on April 18, 1976. At this time two new members were received into full membership of the church by profession of faith: Mr. Dafnios Papadopoullos and Mrs. Maria Fourla, both from Limassol. On the same day a general meeting of the congregation was held, in the afternoon, under the care of the Session. At this meeting a deacon was elected by the Limassol group, to assist elder Philippides who was ordained and installed as an elder on the 30th November 1975.

With reference to the request of the Greek Evangelical Congregation in Cyprus for their autonomy, paper 8, adopted by Synod as per minutes of Synod of 1975 p. 93, we beg to state that the revision and deletion pointed out in the committee report, in connection with paper No. 8, under reference, have been made. The present members of the congregation read

these standards as revised (in Greek) and their agreement and acceptance was attested by signature. Copy in Greek of the final draft as agreed upon and signed is submitted herewith, as required by Synod. At the aforementioned General meeting of the congregation, Rev. C. C. Christou was chosen by the congregation with once voice, to be present, as their representative, at the coming Synod to be held in 1976, to see this autonomy finalized.

The Peponiades Trust, in spite of the fact that one of the trustees showed unwillingness to co-operate, functioned normally. We thank God that this Trust has been a great **asset** to the Evangelical Church in Cyprus.

The Nicosia Academy, with Miss Reade as Principal, now not under ecclesiastical control, operated smoothly with a reduced number of students firstly in consequence of the coup in July 1974 followed by the Turkish invasion that left 200,000 refugees and secondly to adverse campaign in previous years by young American missionaries (CCC), and compliance with the F. M. Board's order to reduce staff when the governing body was really against it. As the Board finally decided to discontinue the Nicosia Academy and has already notified the governing body that it ceases after July 1, 1976, the lovers and friends of the Academy have established "The Alpha and the Omega Evangelical Educational Foundation" which proposes to take over the administration provided certain presuppositions are carried out. We are in a happy position to state, with great satisfaction, that under this Foundation the members of the Executive Council shall have to sign an Evangelical Declaration of Faith before they are appointed. Membership is for all but their acceptance is subject to the approval of the Executive Council.

Steps are now in progress to have the strip of land belonging to the American Academy for Girls Nicosia registered in the name of the Peponiades Trust Association.

Recommendations:

1. That the costs of attending Synod and travel from Cyprus to States and back (in dollars) be provided by Synod early to enable Mr. Christou to book before the high season.
2. That the following appointments be made to the Peponiades Trust: Rev. C. C. Christou and Mr. Iacovos Stavrides.
3. That the Cyprus Commission of Synod be dissolved when the autonomy of the Greek congregation is finalized.
4. That the lease of the Nicosia Academy building and the loan requested by "the Alpha and the Omega Evangelical Educational Foundation" be approved by Synod.

5. That Synod, fostering the spirit of love and mutual interest undertake to pay a sizeable amount of money to help with the provision of a minister likely to be called by the Greek Evangelical Church in Cyprus.

6. That Synod authorize the Trustees to transfer the Larnaca Chruch with the appropriate surrounds to the Greek Evangelical Church of Cyprus simultaneously with the grant of autonomy.

Respectfully submitted,
C. C. Christou, Moderator
N. Savva, Clerk of the Session

The above report from the Cyprus Session is given in full for Synod's information. The Commission would report the following dispositions of the recommendations made by the Cyprus Session:

Number 1: Taken care of.

Number 2: Since autonomy has been granted to the Greek Evangelical Church of Cyprus, the Session will take care of the appointment of Trustees to the Peponiades Trust.

Number 3: The Commission would recommend that it be continued for one more year to deal with any matters that might need to be taken care of in connection with the granting of aotonomy.

Number 4: The Foreign Mission Board will recommend in its report concerning the lease and transfer of the American Academy for Girls in Nicosia.

Number 5: The Commission has forwarded to the Foreign Mission Board this recommendation for their serious consideration.

Number 6: The Commission has recommended to Synod's Board of Trustees that the Larnaca Church property be transferred to the Greek Evangelical Church of Cyprus.

Respectfully submitted,
John M. Mitchell, Clerk

Recommendation:

That the Cyprus Commission be appointed for one more year in order to deal with any matters that might need to be taken care of in connection with the granting of autonomy.

The Reports of Presbyteries and Commissions were received.

The Report of the Committee to handle paper 2—the appeal of N. Savva—was read, adopted, and is as follows:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

We were appointed because we were unaquainted with the issues and people concerned. It was hoped that our ignorance—lack of prior knowledge—would result in objectivity, with a lack of bias or prejudice.

In order to have written a thorough report, we would have needed much more time for hearings and testimony than is possible during a Carleton year Synod. For nine reasons we had hoped Synod would not act in favor of transferring the property "by February 1, 1977" and would continue to hope that the Board of Foreign Missions would take these nine factors into careful consideration in their authorized discretion:

1. Because of the unusual values of the property involved, one or more millions of dollars, and the stewardship to which God must hold us responsible, a considerable proportion of the total holdings of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.
2. Because of the hundreds (thousands) of school boys and girls who will be involved in the generations ahead.
3. Because of the way in which the reputation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and the Evangelical Church is involved.
4. Because it could well provide time for completions of the cemetery.
5. Because it could give time for the clearing up of the new Troodas lease.
6. Because it would allow time for the Alumni Foundation actually to demonstrate that they could operate the academy in a competent way—academically and financially.
7. Because it would allow time to see whether or not the Alumni Foundation would in fact accept the two evangelical members and then whether or not they will listen to them when they do sit in the meetings.
8. Because it would be possible to extend the probationary period another two years, thus making it possible for the Alumni Foundation to offer a headmaster a five year contract. The probationary period could then be cancelled and the property turned over to the foundation after one year of demonstrated competency.
9. Because the granting of autonomy to the Cyprus Church will have a direct bearing on the degree of access that Mr. Savva and Mr. Christou will have to the courts and Boards of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

But in light of the action taken by Synod authorizing the Foreign Mission Board to transfer the property of the American Academy within the next year, the Committee recommends that: the clerk of Synod write to Mr. Savva stating:

1. That his letter was brought before Synod according to the law and order of the church, with Dr. Bruce Stewart endorsing it as a member of the court in order that it might be properly introduced.

2. That a Committee was appointed to consider it item by item, and this assignment was carried out.

3. That the letter was actually read on the floor of Synod.

4. That then there was discussion on the floor of Synod about it.

5. That Synod was careful to make sure that throughout all this discussion that Rev. Christou was present.

6. That Synod after thus duly considering his (Mr. Savva's) letter took the following action:

7. That Synod authorize Synod's Board of Trustees to transfer to the American Academy Alumni Foundation the agreed upon property of the American Academy, Larnica at the discretion of the Board of Foreign Missions after receiving further evidence by February 1, 1977 of the stability of this body in operating the Academy one and one half years under the approved constitution and contract agreement.

8. That Synod direct the clerk to write the letter offering an explanation to Mr. Savva, including in it these points.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald W. Gouge — Norman M. Carson
Waldo Mitchel — Merlin Wing
Roy Blackwood, Chairman

The Report of the Board of Foreign Mission was taken up. The Report was adopted as amended and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Our commission from God is to "Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples." Psalm 96:3 NEB

On November 10, 1975, the Board conducted a Seminar for the purpose of exploring the possibilities for a new mission field. Time was spent in analyzing our present situation as a denomination and in studying Biblical approaches to new mission work. Then there were surveys of possible areas for expansion. The final session of the Seminar was spent in open discussion of what should be done, and in prayer for God's direction. Using this background we are continuing to consider areas for mission work.

In a special move to support the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland in its present critical situation, we have agreed to provide financial support for a qualified worker of their choice for one year. Miss Laura Boye has been accepted to do outreach work under the Sessions of the Glasgow and Wishaw congregations.

Mr. Edward Donnelly was asked, through the Irish and Scottish Mission Board, to make a specific exploration of the need in London for ministry among the Greek Cypriots by our respective churches, and to send any recommendations he would have for the meeting of a such a need. Mr. Donnelly visited London in January 1976 and reported that he did not believe that the door was now open for Covenanters to become officially involved in the work there. If it should become possible, this would be a natural sequel to our Church's ministry on the island of Cyprus.

A member of the Board was sent as an observer to the **China Consultation** which was held in Chicago in May of 1975, and some counsel was sought concerning re-opening of work among the Chinese people. This consultation, held under Chinese and American leadership, was concerned with finding the most effective ways of entering mainland China with the Gospel, with giving true support to the Christians who are now there, and with being prepared to meet opportunities when they present themselves. Our church ought to have a strong and continuing concern with these matters.

We have revised our furlough schedule as follows: Five-year term, twelve months furlough; four-year term, ninemonths furlough; and 3-year term, six months furlough. The first term of service in Japan must be for five years.

A plan has been adopted which will reduce the size of the Board from fifteen to twelve members. In this plan our meetings will be held in September, December, March and the day prior to the meeting of Synod. We are continuing to study ways of reducing the time and money spent in Board travel and lodging, without reducing the effectiveness of our work.

All Board and mission personnel have been alerted to the danger of becoming involved in intelligence-gathering operations for the government.

We have discontinued the use of the term "unit appointment" in connection with the service of husbands and wives. We view the wife of a missionary as being subject to Board counsel in terms of her distinctive supporting role, but she is not considered an employee of the Board. When the Board officially appoints a husband to missionary service it is done with the understanding that the wife is to recognize her "calling" to be joined with her husband, wherever he is called to live and serve Christ. She, thus, may participate in the general appointment, and in the commission service, and be a voting member of the mission association. A statement is being prepared for inclusion in the Board Manual.

A Reformed Consultation on Missions was held in Grand Rapids in April at Calvin Theological Seminary. This is the second such consulta-

tion which has been held to discuss missions from the reformed viewpoint. The third is to be held at Geneva College in 1977.

The History of the Syrian Mission has been published and is ready for distribution at this Synod.

We continue to support the Reformation Translation Fellowship and we receive reports of its activities at each of our Board meetings.

A new venture in publication is the sending of the bi-monthly newsletter to all pastors (or clerks of sessions) and local WMS presidents which will give up-to-date information of our mission work.

Changes in Cyprus

On July 1, 1975 the American Academy in Larnaca was turned over to the Alumni Foundation for their administration under a lease from Synod's Board of Trustees for up to four years. The documents were signed by Mr. John Mitchell for the Trustees and Rev. Robert Henning for our Board after negotiations were completed by these two men and the representatives from the Foundation. The Academy has been functioning well during the past school year with Mr. Thomas Edgar acting as principal.

Mr. Edgar will be completing his terminal furlough on June 30, 1976, after 27 years of service in Cyprus. He will be continuing under the employment of the Foundation as principal for the year 1976-77.

An evangelical foundation is being formed to take over the American Academy for Girls in Nicosia. It is anticipated that they will take over administration of the Academy on or about July 1, 1976, under a lease from Synod's Board of Trustees similar to the one given to the Larnaca Foundation.

The congregation in Cyprus is continuing to function under the direction of the session. Mr. Philippides was ordained and installed as an elder on November 30, 1975. Services are held regularly in Nicosia and Larnaca. Occasional services have been held in Limasol during the year. Rev. C. C. Christou and Mr. Nicos Savva are conducting these services. Since the conflict in 1974, members of the congregation have been scattered to Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Greece, Ireland and the U.S. Bible studies are held in the Larnaca Academy and the youth of the congregation lead in the chapel programs in the Academy once a week.

Miss Ruth Reade has continued to serve in the Nicosia Academy. If plans work out for the Foundation to take over the academy, she will begin her terminal furlough July 1, 1976. She plans to continue at the Academy.

Mr. Savva has supervised the distribution of relief supplies which were shipped to Cyprus and the funds which were sent from donations received. We thank you for your support in this needy work of caring for the needs of the refugees in Cyprus.

Advancement in Japan

Correspondance from the churches and missionaries in Kobe, Japan, indicates the wonderful measure in which God is blessing that work. Evidence that God is manifesting His grace and power is seen in the continuing progress which is taking place while pastors Toshio Masunaga, Gene Spear and Dr. Boyle have been in the U.S. Pastor William Sterrett and pastor Shigeru Takiura have carried on the work in the Keiyaku Church, Okamoto. Mr. and Mrs. Sterrett were blessed with their second child, Yvonne, during the year. Pastor and Mrs. James Pennington, also blessed with a child this year, Amy Ruth, have been busy, moving from East Kobe to the Tarumi parsonage after Mr. and Mrs. Boyle returned to the U.S., and laboring in that work. In Mr. Masunaga's absence, Pastor Nobuo Miwa has been taking leadership at the Higashi Suma Church.

It was with joy that the Japanese Commission, on January 11, 1976, ordained Mr. Shigeru Takiura and Mr. Nobuo Miwa to the gospel ministry. Due to a scholarship received, Mr. Takiura plans to come to the U.S. in the fall of 1976 for graduate study at the Reformed Seminary, Jackson, Miss.

Mr. Masunaga spent a short time at the beginning of the academic year, at Westminster Seminary, and the major part at our Seminary in Pittsburgh. He is particularly interested in the development of Christian counseling, focusing in his study on that discipline. He has participated in at least two related seminars and conferences. Mrs. Masunaga plans to join him prior to the Carleton Conference. They will return after the conference to their family (two sons) and work in Japan. The American Church has profited greatly by this year long visit of Mr. Masunaga.

Miss Orlena Lynn gives most of her effort to the work of the Japan Book Room, which pursues its vital literature ministry. Miss Oreta Everett gives most of her time to work with Japanese women, and she performs a most valuable role as Treasurer of the Mission. The Board hopes that by the time this report is given, Miss Patsy Boyle will have been finally approved for service in Japan as a Mission Associate, to serve as a self-supporting volunteer worker. In this unique role, she has been required to meet the physical and psychological requriements of the Board. She will not be appointed as a regular missionary and her status abroad will be reviewed annually. She will serve under the supervision of the Japan Mission, for service where they see fit. The Board requests your prayers for Miss Boyle in this new assignment.

The Gene Spears have been in the U.S. on furlough since August 1975 and will return to Japan following the Carleton Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyle returned to the U.S. to begin their terminal

furlough in September 1975. They close out a distinguished foreign missionary service. It is impossible adequately to assess, at this point in history, the impact of the life and influence of Mr. and Mrs. Boyle in many lands overseas. In the last 42 years, Mr. Boyle has spent 25 years overseas. This service rendered has been remarkable and God-glorifying.

We ask for your prayers and continuing support in this commission that Christ has given to the Church and which you have committed to this Board.

Recommendations:

1. That the Board membership be made up as follows:
   a. Twelve members with three classes of four appointed for three year terms.
   b. These twelve members should include the two women appointed by the Women's Synodical, four elders and six ministers.
   c. The Board membership be realigned by advancing William Long from the class of 1978 to the class of 1979; the class of 1979 consist of two ministers and two elders; and in 1977 the class consist of two ministers and one elder and one woman.

2. That since the terms of Robert Catloth, Rev. J. Paul McCracken, Rev. R. W. Nickerson, and Rev. John H. White expire the appointments should be made for the class of 1979.

3. That the Japan Commission be made up of all ordained ministers and one elder from each congregation.

4. That the following appointments be made to the Peponiades Trust as recommended by t' session through the Cyprus Commission: Rev. C. C. Christou d Mr. Iacouos Stavrides for three year terms.

5. **The Board of Foreign Missions** recommends the adoption of the following **Biblical and Procedural Guidelines** in order to provide (in specific cases) for the supervision and support of mission personnel employed by our Board:

   a. That priority continue to be given, in our denominational mission program, to the establishment of the organized visible church through the ordained ministry.

      In Acts 13:2-4, we read of the ordaining and sending out of Barnabas and Saul by the church at Antioch, to the work to which the Holy Spirit had called them. In Acts 14:21-23, we have the record of the choosing of elders and organizing of churches in Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, as fruit of the missionary activity in these cities. See also Acts 15; Acts 16:4-5; Acts 20:17; Phil. 1:1, and other passages.

b. That we recognize the importance of the concept of the special diversified gifts given by the H.S. to Christ's Chruch and that we be alert to encourage and support the use of these gifts.
   A New Testament example of such a supportive ministry in that of Aquila and Priscilla, Acts 18:2,3,-26; Rom. 16:3-5; also John, Mark, Acts 13:5; Romans 12:1-8.
c. That we emphasize the role of the session or Presbytery to evaluate the spiritual and emotional abilities of these under its care to carry on "specialized ministries" outside the denominational context.
d. That we recommend that those who wish to engage in "specialized overseas ministries" seek support through the missions budget of Synod rather than by direct, individual solicitation.
e. That we discourage those in our denominational fellowship from engaging in forms of service that will endorse and support labors which are contrary to our testimony. This would cast a negative light on service in those extra-church organizations which tend to usurp the church's authority.
f. That the Foreign Mission Board would act for the Synod in interviewing those who are seeking church-wide support for overseas Christian service outside of the denomination. The Board would be responsible for deciding the suitability of candidates, necessary degree of supervision by the Board, and the extent of financial support to be provided by the denomination.

6. That Synod authorize Synod's Board of Trustees to transfer to the Alpha and Omega Evangelical Educational Foundation, Ltd., the property used by the American Academy for Girls in Nicosia at the discretion of the Board of Foreign Missions after receiving evidence that the Foundation is prepared to administer the Academy and assume all liabilities beginning with the 1976-77 school year.

7. That Synod authorize Synod's Board of Trustees to transfer to the American Academy Alumni Foundation the agreed upon property of the American Academy, Larnaca at the discretion of the Board of Foreign Missions after receiving further evidence by February 1, 1977 of the stability of this body in operating the Academy one and one half years under the approved constitution and contract agreement.

Respectfully submitted,
R. A. Henning, Executive Secretary

The Report of the Board of Education and Publication was taken up. The Report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION

The Board of Education and Publication met May 30, 31, 1975 at Geneva College and December 5, 6, 1975 at the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary. Since the last meeting of Synod the Board has grown in size from 10 to 13 members. The Board's growth is due to the merger with the Witness Committee. Three members, one in each term for one term, were added from the Witness Committee. The Board's officers are: Don Birdsall, president; Dr. Joe McFarland, vice-president; Bruce Backensto, secretary; and Lou Hutmire, treasurer. The departmental chairmen and directors are Wendell Spear, chairman and Lee P. Bittner, III, director—Education; Dr. Norman Carson, chairman and Ronald W. Nickerson, director—Publication.

With the merger of the Witness Committee the Board added an amendment to the By-laws reading, "Promote the distinctive teachings of the denomination", as item "H". Work is beginning toward the production of new tract on "a cappela singing" as one way in which the Board is implementing this statement.

The Director of Educational Services (DES) has been kept extra busy coordinating the program and administration for this North America Conference here at Carleton College during the past year. Some of the scheduled items of concern of the DES are: 1) To conduct an evaluation of the materials of major publishing companies used by our congregations (e.g. Gospel Light, Scripture Press, Standard, Great Commission). Work toward this evaluation has already begun with the introduction of the new High School curriculum of the Great Commission staff on a trial basis in five RPCNA congregations. This "on the field" evaluation took place in the month of May. 2) The desire to continue exploring the possible working relationships on the field in the specific areas of teacher-training and Christian Education seminars with the Education Boards of both the OPC and the RPCES. 3) The cultivation by the Board in general, and the DES in particular, of the active participation of the Presbytery "Young People's Secretary" in the involvement of the Christian Education programs of the congregations under that Presbytery's care. The Board is thankful to the Lord for filling the position of DES just prior to the last meeting of Synod with a man as capable as Lee P. Bittner, III.

The following materials have been printed during the last year, many of which are on display here at Carleton. 1) The **Minutes of Synod 1975**, 2) a new catalogue of publications and materials available through the Publications office, 3) two promotional brochures advertising, a) **Old Testament History** by J. G. Vos and, b) **Understanding Biblical Doctrine** by R. W. Nickerson, 4) the 1975 symposium **The Church and Her Ministry**, 5) the 1973 edition of **The Book of Psalms for Singing** in Braille, 6) the history of the Syrian Mis-

sion entitled, **A Syrian Mosaic**, and 7) the bi-weekly **Covenanter Witness** which carried, among other articles, a forum on Close Communion in keeping with Synod's recommendation. Work has begun on an **Index** to the **Witness** from 1971 forward. The office of Publication offers a direct mailing service to all RPCNA congregations of which the Board trusts the congregations will avail themselves.

The Board submits the following recommendations:

1. That the Board of Education and Publication's budget request for 1977 be approved in the amount of $57,305.
2. That the price for the **Mintues of Synod**, hereafter, shall be set at least 50% of the cost of production.
3. That the terms of Bruce R. Backensto, M. L. McFarland, Wendell McBurney, Ph.D., and David M. Carson, Ph.D., which expire this year, be filled.
4. That in light of the report of the Committee to Study the Relationships Between Church and State in Education and the position taken by Synod in 1973, the Board supports their report with the following amendments:
   a. That the phrase "wherever necessary and possible" be added to recommendation 1 after the word "that". (p. 41 Digest)
   b. That a third recommendation be added as follows: "That Synod encourages Christians who are involved as students, teachers, administrators or board members in the state school system to bear witness to Jesus Christ".
5. That Synod elect by ballot the director of publication to a 3 year term to begin with the 1977 meeting of Synod and the Board places in nomination the name of R. W. Nickerson.
6. That Synod authorize the Board to print 600 copies of the 1976 **Minutes of Synod** to be sold at $4.00 per copy.

The Report of the Committee to study the Relationships of Church and State in Education was taken up. Item 2 was adopted. Items 3-7 were referred back to the Committee to report to the next meeting of Synod. Item 8 was referred to the finance Committee. The Report and recommendations 2-7 were referred to Committee and ordered printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Report of the Committee on Time and Place was taken up, received and is as follows: Your Committee on Time and Place of meeting would respectfully recommend: that the 1977 meeting of Synod be held at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pa. on Friday, June 3, 1977, at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight time. Signed: R. W. Caskey, chairman; Fenton H. Farley.

The Report of the Women's Association was taken up, received and is as follows:

THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION
79TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
January 1, 1975—December 31, 1975

The Board of Directors, consisting of 15 members, held regular monthly meetings, executive meetings when called, as well as special committee meetings.

The following officers were elected on February 26th, following the annual Association meeting:

President	Mrs. Miriam Wenkhous
Vice President	Mrs. Ethyl Copeland
Recording Secretary	Miss Adella Lawson
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Faith Martin
Treasurer	Mrs. Mabel Hamphill
Assistant Treasurer	Mrs. Shirley McMillan

Mrs. Mary C. George was made a consultative member of the Board, and at the McKee Dinner in March was presented with a lovely gift in honor of her forty years of devoted service on the Board. She was also made a Life Director of the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association by her daughter, Mrs. Jean Stiver.

Mrs. George Imm was also remembered at the McKee Dinner for her seven years of faithful service on the Board.

Committee chairmen:

Admissions	Mrs. Frances Montini
Personnel and Finance	Mrs. Joan McBurney
Public Relations	Dr. Betty Kilpatrick
Interment	Mrs. Eleanor Walsh
General Planning	Mrs. Virginia Wissner
Donations	Mrs. Rose Hudak
Social	Mrs. Grace Smith
Legislative	Mrs. Agnes Clarke

Those called Home during this year were:

Mr. Albert Cunningham on February 3, 1975
Mrs. J. B. (Bessie) Tweed on March 23, 1975
Mrs. W. B. (Jessie) Sterrett on May 24, 1975
Miss Ella Martin on July 4, 1975
Miss Helen Euwer on August 1, 1975
Mrs. William (Annie) Esler on September 6, 1975
Mrs. W. A. (Alice) Young on November 7, 1975
Miss May Allen on November 27, 1975

New members welcomed into the Home family:

Miss Mabel Orchard, Pittsburgh (8th U.P.)
Mrs. Margarita Morrison, Belle Center, Ohio
Mrs. Blanche George, Broomall, Pa.

Miss Jessie Davidian, Cyprus (special care)
Miss Florence Crusan, Pittsburgh (Crafton Heights U. P.), probation
Mrs. Grace Hasley, Pittsburgh (1st Presbyterian), probation

Rising costs continue to be a problem as do the increasing State regulations. Every effort is being made to meet the requirements. Additional nurses have been employed and the nursing staff has been reorganized. It has been found necessary to raise the cost of residential care, intermediate care and guest meals to help meet the expenses.

Continued repairs and improvements of physical facilities are made as time and money permit. Special mention should be made of the newly decorated Guest Room, courtesy of the Women's Synodical. The Planning Committee is to be congratulated for the beautiful improvements, as is Mrs. Wenkhous for her professional upholstery job.

The McKee Dinner, birthdays, especially the 90th (Mrs. T. C. McKnight's this year), Donation Day, visiting groups and their programs, and seasonal activities are all things that the Home family look forward to during the year. The Board members make regular visits to the Home members as well as more casual ones when possible.

Constant attention is given to the health and welfare of each member, and much concern and thought is also given to that deed or word which will make each day a brighter and happier one.

Much attention has also been given to publicizing the needs of the Home, the facilities it offers, and the activities that are conducted.

The members of the Board wish to express their thanks and appreciation to Rev. Martin, Mr. Sanderson, Miss Weatherford, and the entire Home staff, as well as to all volunteer workers, for their concern and efforts in behalf of the comfort and welfare of each resident.

The Board members also wish to thank the Auxiliary for the work and effort expended in making the Bazaar and Bake Sale the success it was.

Any member in good standing of the Reformed Presbyterian Church N.A. may become an Association member by payment of $1.00 annual dues; a Life Member by the gift of $25.00 at one time, or a Life Director by the Gift of $100.00 at one time. By the same donation, one may be named a Life Member or Life Director in Memoriam.

It is with overflowing thanks to our Heavenly Father for His solutions to our problems, His supplying our every need, and His guidance each step of the way, that we respectfully submit this seventy-ninth annual report.

Adella Lawson, Recording Secretary

The Report of the National Reform Association was taken up. The recommendation was adopted. The Report was received as a whole and is as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION June 1976

We appreciate the support which the National Reform Association receives from the Reformed Presbyterian Church. During the past year (Nov. 1, 1974-Oct. 31, 1975) we have received $3,818.00 from congregations. Approximately three fourths of this amount was from congregations in the Reformed Presbyterian Church. We also received contributions from congregations in the United Presbyterian, Methodist, Lutheran and Baptist Churches. It is easily seen that the National Reform Association would be in serious trouble if it were not for the contributions which we receive from the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Reform work has never been popular and our time is no exception. Christ did not call people to support popular causes. He told His disciples to seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness. Because governments do not recognize that all authority is from God, and rulers are to be God's ministers for good, there is much that is wrong in our Nation and in the world. Men in high office use the powers of government for their private gain or for political advantage.

Wherever we look we see conditions which need changing. Crimes of all kinds are increasing. Educators have largely rejected the truth that "The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" and as a result we find that the schools not only fail to teach morals and decency but often are unable to teach the fundamentals, which are essential if men and women are to make a good living. Sabbath desecration is everywhere, failure to keep the Sabbath holy is destroying the spiritual roots of our society. Abortion on demand and coddling of criminals, who prey on others shows how much our sense of values has deteriorated.

The use of drugs is an increasing menace in our country. The per capita consumption of the drug, alcohol, has reached an all time high in the United States. This is because this drug has been granted privileges which have been denied other mind-altering drugs. While other mind-altering drugs can only be legally sold by prescriptions, alcohol can be sold without a prescription and in addition is advertised without any warning of the dangers inherent in the use of alcohol.

One of the frightening things about the use of alcohol is the growing use of alcohol among the youth of our country. Some in High School and even in Grade School, already have serious alcohol prob-

lems. This bodes ill for the future of our country. When these young people establish homes, the children coming from those homes will be physically and mentally handicapped. Children born to mothers who are alcoholics sometimes at birth suffer withdrawal symptoms.

The devil uses half truths to discourage Christian people from being active in the Reform movement. One of these half truths is "you cannot make people good by law". This is true but it is no argument to prove that we should not be concerned with making better laws. "The law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine." I Tim. 1:9-10.

Another half truth which the devil uses is that since we are now under Grace we can forget about the law. We are thankful to be under Grace but Jesus Christ taught that the law was still important, and that we are blessed when we keep the law. "If ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love". John 15:10. If a man love Me he will keep My word: and My Father will love him and We will come unto him and make Our abode with him". John 14:23-24a.

Sin separates people from God, some, who are being separated from God are little children who cannot discern between their right hand and their left, they are being denied their God given right to have a good home, because one or both of their parents are on drugs. Others are youths of tender age who are being betrayed by greedy people, who, for personal gain try to get them started on drugs. For some this will mean a tragic death, for others it will mean the beginning of a life of crime which will prevent them from living a normal life. Our love for God and Jesus Christ, our love for others and ourselves should lead us to do all we can to lead men to Christ and to bring the whole of life into subjection to Him.

We cannot boast of a great work accomplished in National Reform. National Reform to be successful must be an arm of the church. Through the National Reform Association congregations can do that which they cannot do alone. The **Christian Statesman** is an organ which congregations can use to keep people informed as to what needs to be done in the cause of righteousness. Our library of films and film strips and tracts can warn people and point to better ways. With the help of the congregations we can have a better **Christian Statesman** and keep our library up to date.

I am sure our greatest need is not financial, though we need financial support. According to our reports the congregations of the

Reformed Presbyterian Church contributed $2,878.00 to the National Reform Association last year. According to the Statistical Report in the 1975 Minutes of Synod the total receipts of all of the congregation in the Reformed Presbyterian Church was $1,463,813.00: this means that percentage wise that only .002 cents of every dollar or $2.00 of every thousand dollars was given to the work of the National Reform Association. To raise this amount some congregations had to give much more than the .002 cents because some congregations did not contribute. This does not seem to be a heavy drain on the total receipts of the congregations. Since the congregations will no longer be supporting the Christian Government Movement, I see the need to enlarge the program of the National Reform Association to place a greater emphasis upon the need to make governments Christian. I also hope that congregations will give prayerful consideration as to what percentage of church income should be invested in reform work.

We thank God for the opportunity to work in the needy field of reform. We also thank the Reformed Presbyterian Church for the support they have given the National Reform Association through the years.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the congregations and individual in the Reformed Presbyterian Church give their prayerful support to the work of the National Reform Association.

Respectfully submitted,
R. W. Caskey,
Administrative Secretary

A verbal report of the Reformation Translation Fellowship was given by Samuel E. Boyle.

The Report of the Committee on Finance was taken up, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

"...which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it began to mock him, Saying, this man began to build, and was not able to finish."

This biblical admonition continues to pursue us as we budget for Synod's programs in 1977. The current contributions of the congregations do not approach the level needed to finance these activities at a viable effectiveness.

The Finance Committee continues to project a financial outlay in the prayerful expectation that contributions, gifts and bequests will

rise to meet it. This type of deficit spending is not sound biblical economics, and for a good Christian testimony to the world must be brought into line as soon as possible.

A deficit of $10,684 in the 1975 budget is being met by the use of undesignated funds from several sources. Undesignated funds are providing $1,000 to the Graduate Study Fund for 1976 and $4,324 is being applied generally to the 1976 budget.

A total of $301,570 was requested for 1977 Synod's Contributed Budget. A budget of $260,000 is being recommended.

Details of the recommendations of the Finance Committee are as follows:

1. That the following budget be adopted by Synod for its 1977 calendar year:

	Request	Granted
Corporators—Geneva College	$ 600	$ 600
Board of Education and Publication	57,305	56,000
Geneva College	35,000	25,000
Graduate Study Fund	-0-	400
Foreign Mission Board	60,225	55,000
Home Mission Board	16,341	14,000
Pension Trustees	35,000	25,000
Seminary	69,954	68,000
Synod's Miscellaneous Fund	7,145	6,000
Women's Association	20,000	10,000
	$301,570	**$260,000**

2. That with the approval of the inclusion of the Graduate Study Fund in the 1977 budget, the Graduate Study Fund Committee submit a set of policies governing its allocation of funds to the 1977 Synod.

3. That the 1975 Annual Treasurer's Report be approved and spread on the Minutes of Synod.

4. That the 1977 assessment of congregations for the Pension Plan be increased from $5.00 to $7.50 per communicant member.

5. That the matter of room and board expenses of pastors and other elder delegates to Synod who are not being reimbursed, be referred to each Presbytery to implement action to accomplish this end with congregations not so doing.

6. That the salaries and benefits for 1977 for certain employees of Synod be as follows: Lee P. Bittner, III, salary of $13,600 (from $12,000) with $3,600 thereof designated as housing allowance (from $3,400). Louis D. Hutmire, salary of $15,000 (formerly $13,900). Ronald W. Nickerson, salary of $14,200 (formerly $13,400) with $3,600 designated as housing allowance (formerly $3,400).

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. Cretors, Chairman	J. D. Birdsall
D. H. Elliott	S. M. Lee (absent)
J. M. Mitchell	Alan Windham

Deacon Delegates:

Mrs. Beatrice Johnson	Edward Rice
Stewart Robb	

The Report of the Committee on Resolution of Thanks was read, adopted, and is as follows:

"Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through the Lord Jesus Christ." (I. Corinthians 15:57)

The thanks and appreciation of Synod is expressed to our sovereign God and His Spirit for answering the prayer of our church in

1) granting safety of travel to the members of the court
2) providing leadership through the officers of the synod, and
3) allowing us to meet in spacious and comfortable surroundings.

Our appreciation is extended to the General Conference chairman, Mr. Donald Birdsall; the camp Manager, Mr. Joseph Lamont, and the other members of the conference administration who labored so long and faithfully to plan and carry out the 1976 National Conference with such apparent success. We are also grateful to the administration and staff of Carleton College for the concern which has been shown for our temporal needs.

The Report of the Committee on Arrangements was read, adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Our task has been lighter than usual this year, because planning for worship services and for general arrangements has been made by the Conference Administration. We express our appreciation to them.

We also wish to express our appreciation to Judy Linhart for her services as Synod's typist again this year; and to the men who have led Synod in its opening worship each morning.

In that connection, we note the different format for devotional services this year; if you have comments, please make them to the chairman of the committee for next year.

We recommend:

1. That the costs of secretarial service (Miss Linhart's board and room, a partial subsidy for her travel, duplicating and supplies) be met from the Miscellaneous Fund; and that Synod's Offering ($443.45) go to that fund.

2. That the costs of shuttle service to and from the airport be met from Synod's Travel Fund.

3. That the courtesy committee for each meeting of Synod be appointed by the clerk and included in his report in the Digest, so that the committee will be prepared to begin its duties before the meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard Long
Paul Martin
Wilmer Piper
Bruce Stewart
David Carson, Chairman

The Report of the Records of Presbyteries and Commissions was read, adopted and is as follows:

The minutes of the Iowa, Midwest, New York, Ohio-Illinois, Pacific Coast, Pittsburgh, and St. Lawrence Presbyteries and of the Cyprus and Japan Commissions were examined and nothing found contrary to the law and order of the church except as follows:

In the Minutes of Pacific Coast Presbytery certain minutes were not signed properly.

In the Minutes of New York Presbytery four minutes were not signed perperly, and a half sheet added to page 100 is not permanently affixed to the Minute Book.

In the Minutes of the Ohio-Illinois it is noted that the records of meetings held by conference call of the Ad Interim Commission have not always noted the names of those participating. Also it was noted that when actions are taken outside of constituted court they should be approved at regular assembled meeting without undue delay.

In the Minutes of the St. Lawrence Presbytery it should be called to Synod's attention that George Hueber was licensed without giving assent to Query 5. Also the Synod should take note that there is pending action regarding the apparent violation of the law and order of the church on the part of the Syracuse Session.

In the Minutes of the Japan Commission certain Minutes were not properly signed, also the Minutes of May 4, 1975 (Ordination and Installation) and of November 30, 1975 (licensure) do not record that the Candidates signed the Terms of Communion.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert B. McCracken,
Assistant Clerk of Synod

Synod ordered that next year's Committee to Review Presbytery Records also examine to see that exceptions noted in this years examination have been corrected in so far as possible. This is to be

noted by the Clerk in the digest of the 1977 Synod.

The Report of the Committee to examine the Records of Ohio-Illinois Presbytery was read, adopted and is as follows:

"That the Committee to Examine the Records of Ohio-Illinois Presbytery, look into the legality and propriety of the action referred to on pages 13-14 (and modified in pages 43-44) of the PROCEEDINGS OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION, OHIO-ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY: namely the action by which the Chicago elders were forbidden to communicate their intention to leave the Reformed Presbyterian Church to any members of Presbytery but were to deal only with the Judicial Commission, an action which was later the basis of one of the offenses charged against the Chicago elders."

The Committee would reply: Normally, it would be unwise for Presbytery to restrict communication between presbyters, but in light of the pressure caused by the irresponsible action of four members of the Chicago Session, your Committee does not feel that such temporary restraints were unwarranted. Extraordinary situations call for extraordinary measures.

Moreover, Presbytery has a responsibility to restrain members from taking unilateral action and in circularizing the Church in violation of the ordination vow to follow no divisive course.

Signed,
Kermit Edgar
Russell James
Ernest J. McKoewn
Bruce C. Stewart

The final Report of the Nominating Committee was read. Item 7 was adopted as amended. The Report as a whole was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1. Committee to canvass the vote on the overtures sent down by the 1975 Synod: Robert McConaughy, Chrm., G. M. Robb, Richard Weir.

2. Committee to consider Paper 2 regarding N. Savva's appeal about Synod's decision on the American Academy of Larnaca: Roy Blackwood, Jr., Norman Carson, Don Gouge, Waldo Mitchel and Merlin Wing.

3. Committee on Arrangements and Devotions for 1977 Synod: K. S. Edgar, Chrm., Tom Armagost, Wilbur Keys, Tom Price and Paul Wilson.

4. Committee on Time and Place for 1978 Synod: Lester Kilpatrick and John McMillan.

5. Alternate to preach the retiring Moderator's Sermon in 1977: D. Ray Wilcox.

6. Delegate to NAE Convention in Chicago: Raymond P. Joseph; Member of Synod to serve on NAE: D. Howard Elliott.

7. Committee to study Paper 5 regarding the meaning of the phrase "to submit to all brotherly counsel" in the ordination vow: Jerry Milroy, Chrm., Robert Tweed, Ed Robson, and Roy Bessell.

8. Committee to study Paper 12 regarding the nature of the church as it relates to the sacraments: Don Weilersbacher, Chrm., Surrendra Gangadean, James Honeyman and Glenn McFarland.

9. Additional members for Committee on Church and State in Education: Rex Downie, Richard Sears and David Bennett.

10. Additional member for Committee to Revise the Westminster Confession: Duncan Lowe.

11. Additional members for Committee on Officers of the Church: James Blair, John Vincze, and Gordon Keddie.

12. Letters of Remembrance:

To:	By:
N. Miwa	Kenneth Smith
Luther McFarland	Bruce Willson
M. W. Dougherty	Ray Wilcox
Roy Fullerton	Tom Hutcheson
Carl T. Grayson	Bruce Martin
A. W. Smith	Wyley Caskey
J. G. Vos	Philip Martin
W. W. Weir	J. D. Carson
Boyd White	Waldo McBurney
Paul White	Paul D. McCracken
Frank Allen	Paul Mathews

Presbyteries are reminded of their responsibility to contact those not present at Synod not listed here (See 1974 Minutes of Synod, p. 60.)

13. Temperance Committee: to replace John McMillan in the class of 1977—Karl Cunningham.

14. Item 9 Unfinished Business—Committee to make recommendations regarding Synod's Procedure in Debating and Adopting Reports—and to include revision of chapter 12 in Book of Church Government—Ralph Joseph, Chairman; Andrew Price, Harold Harrington, William Long, and Gerrold Milroy.

15. Committee to Interpret the Phrases in Overture on Restricted Communion—"the true branch of the visible church" and "must be examined": Samuel Boyle, Chariman; Ray Wilcox, James Wright, John Bailey.

16. Those elected to fill vacancies on Synod's Boards and Permanent Committees:

Pensions Trustees of Synod
Class of 1979: S. Ray Blair, John N. Smith
Board of Trustees of Synod
Class of 1979: Francis Buck, Louis D. Hutmire, John M. Mitchell
Class of 1977: Alan Windham
Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary
Class of 1982: Stewart Lee, J. Renwick Wright
Temperance Committee
Class of 1979: D. Howard Elliott
Travel Fund and Absences Committee
David Burke
Board of Corporators of Geneva College
Class of 1979: John Russell
Board of Education and Publication
Class of 1979: Bruce Backensto, David M. Carson, Robert McFarland
Committee on Interchurch Correspondence
Class of 1979: Donald Weilersbacher, John H. White, James Wright
Class of 1977: Robert Copeland
Board of Foreign Mission
Class of 1979: William Long, J. Paul McCracken, John H. White, Robert Catloth
Committee on Finance
Class of 1979: John Mitchell, Alan Windham
Board of Home Mission
Class of 1979: Duncan Lowe, Bruce Hemphill, Ed Robson, Robert McCracken, Mrs. Kenneth Sanderson, Arlan Ramsey

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Faris
Reed Hindman
Willard McMillan
Ed Roby
James Wright
Kenneth Smith, Chairman

The Report of the Committee to Interview Argos Zodiates was taken up, received and is as follows:

REPORT OF SYNOD'S COMMITTEE TO INTERVIEW A. ZODHIATES

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Your Committee would respectfully report that we have carried out Synod's assignment to interview Argos Zodhiates (see 1975 Minutes

of Synod, Recommendation 3, page 51). Arrangements were made to meet with him in Boston, and we were warmly received by him. A deep and amicable discussion of the Cyprus situation ensued. In the course of making arrangements, we were both invited to participate in a Strategy Conference for Reaching Greeks around the world, held in Boston in September 1975. At this Conference, Smith presented a paper on The Vision and Training of Leadership based on II Timothy, and Weir presented a paper on Taking the Gospel to Greeks—Special Reference to Those in Cyprus. We stayed an extra day to enter into this Conference and found it helpful.

Our assignment was to discuss with Zodhiates the substance of a circular letter he had sent to many of our pastors prior to the 1975 meeting of Synod, and to explain Synod's recent actions relative to Cyprus. We found his deep concern to be the preservation and growth of the work which our church has been carrying on in Cyprus. His deep desire to preserve the schools resulted from this concern. The matter was discussed at considerable length; and though he did not finally agree with the policy being carried out, he did express appreciation that the reasons behind the present actions had been made clearer to him. We believe therefore his circular letter should be interpreted in this spirit of deep concern, and in no sense to be considered as an affront to Synod.

We discussed at great length a variety of options of steps to take in advancing the work at the present time on the Island. We agreed that everything possible should be done to encourage the flock there, including frequent correspondence, personal visits by persons familiar with the work, assisting them in procuring worthy leadership, and keeping in touch with the many scattered young people from Cyprus presently living and studying abroad.

One specific recommendation on which we all agreed was the continued exploration of London as a center of ministry.

The matter of Zodhiates' affiliation with the Reformed Presbyterian Church arose quite naturally in the conversation; and while this was not the Committee's assignment, we did discuss the subject at some length. Zodhiates expressed firmly his desire to maintain his affiliation with the RPCNA, and we encouraged his contacting the New York Presbytery as the proper channel to facilitate this purpose.

Your Committee agrees that God blessed this interview, and we are grateful for the opportunity of having been able to serve in this capacity. The expenses incurred have been submitted to Synod's Treasurer and have been reimbursed.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. Weir (Seal) - Chrm.
K. G. Smith (Seal)

E. Clark Copeland read to the Synod the thanks of Rev. Argos Zodhiates to the Synod for sending Dr. W. W. Weir and Kenneth G. Smith to explain the action of Synod regarding Cyprus Schools and the fact he continues to oppose the action of turning the Larnica Academy over to the Alumni Foundation.

The Report of the Fraternal Delegate to the Synod of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church was distributed and is published in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Minutes were adopted as amended.

Synod was adjourned in prayer by Bruce C. Stewart. After which the Synod joined in singing Psalm 133.

The Moderator declared that Synod stands adjourned to meet at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pa. on Friday, June 3, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Paul M. Martin, Clerk
Robert B. McCracken, Assistant Clerk

Appendix

Rev. C. C. Brown
1912—1975

In the Docket you have before you the chronological facts covering the life and 33 years of his ministry as a pastor. And I have already written in the **Covenanter Witness** of his "vision" and of certain similarities between his live and the life of Joseph.

There are two other features of the life message of C. C. Brown, that we might remember here today—as a kind of living memorial.

1st His commitment to Christ and Christ's particular purpose for his life

2nd His capacity to identify with the needs of other people, his compassion for others

Both of these features are the marks of what the apostle Paul referred to as a "crucified man". And they are illustrated by two of the statements Christ made from the cross at the time of His crucifixion:

"Father into thy hands I commend my spirit."

"Woman, behold thy son, son behold thy mother."

They are in reverse order from that in which Christ spoke them, but they were important factors in the life witness of Claude Brown.

First the words, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit". As Christ had committed His life and life purposes into the hands and will of the Father, so He continued, committing His spirit into the hands of the Father at death.

And so too did Claude Brown. Not many weeks before his death, Jerry Milroy, Ray Joseph and I had dinner with him in a restaurant in Selma. Our waiter was a college age man; big, broad-shouldered, handsome, especially sensitive to our needs, as well as responsible for other waiters in the room.

Claude began to talk with him, drew him out with an amazing awareness of the boy's position and work.

And as the evening wore on Claude told us how he had worked his way up during his college years—just as this boy was doing—to a position of real opportunity in the hotel business for the future.

But it was at that time that an old minister in the Covenanter Church made an appointment, came into Claude's office and challenged him to commit his professional life to the ministry of the Gospel as a pastor in a Covenanter Church.

Claude told us of struggling with that decision:

His life already belonged to God. He knew Christ as his Saviour. And now God used that appointment and the appeal of that Covenanter minister to claim his life and purposes. It was not easy to leave the hotel business—but he left it to go to the seminary. And it was even harder in the years ahead: at the seminary, in the pastorate, through the years of pioneering hardship and opportunity. But the committment had been made and so far as I can see, Claude Brown, having put his hand to the plow of the pastorate—never looked back!

Claude was not well at the time we were talking. He died a few weeks later. And as I look back on that evening, I realized he was reminiscing about how a college boy had made a lifetime decision and a commitment which he carried through with to the end of life. I do not mean by that never any struggle. He struggled all through life and the strength of that struggle was the measure of the man. He struggled when he first went to Selma as a young pastor—alone. When he became involved in the Selma March in 1965, and they invited him to become a leader in the civil rights movement. When they invited him to accept the presidency of three different colleges. When they invited him to position of importance and power in academic and political worlds. And into prestigious pulpits in other churches. No man ever had better reasons for leaving the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Or better opportunities for going somewhere else. But he knew the real meaning of committment. There is a sense in which—when we commit ourselves to Christ—it is all finished our whole life and all we will ever say or do—is accomplished. We've said as he did. "Not my

will, but Thine be done" and it all remains just to be "worked out". But there is another sense in which we keep on wrestling and struggling to the very end. Just as Paul was doing when he said "That which I would, I do not that which I would not, that I do. O miserable man that I am". That kind of committment, and that kind of struggle was especially true of C. C. Brown during the last years of his life. But it was the clearcut committment of a man's man—who has said in effect: "Father into thy hands I commend my spirit."

The second feature of his life was his empathy, his compassion, his ability to know and understand people and to love them. He had an amazing ability for entering into the very thinking and understanding of needs of people and then doing something about it. Just as Christ was doing at the time when he was hanging as a crucified man on the cross when he said to John "Woman behold thy son, son, behold thy mother. With all the physical pain of that hour and with all the moral agony involved in having sins of men in his body being God foresaken. He could still enter into the very thinking of his mother and make loving provision for her social welfare needs. And this was a feature of the life and ministry of C. C. Brown. He never forgot his own struggles up through college years and the last year of his life found scholarship money for 95 collegians. The Carver Branch of the YMCA was built and is staffed largely through his efforts. Hundreds of other lives were touched through his administration of the other country school systems. I've read the letter from the Navy admiral commending Claude for his contribution to personnel policies of the U.S. Navy. And today, there are men in Annapolis by virtue of his appointment or recommendation. Not long after a crucial election in Selma, and one that ended as an amazing success story for black politics, the Washington Post sent one of its investigative reporters to Selma to find the reasons for it. He traced many of the influences back to C. C. Brown and then brought the finished article to discuss it with him before publishing. Claude admitted it was accurate but then explained how it would set back the cause by months and perhaps years to publish it at that time. The reporter left the article with Claude, it was never published. I suspect God used Claude with other white men as he used him with me and I can only speak personally here. I was not a Christian during my four years in the Navy. I came out with a deep bitterness toward black men in general. Then I became a Christian during that last year at Geneva. Not long afterward at a conference similar to this, I became aware of Claude Brown. I couldn't get over the fact that he knew the same Lord I did. The same Christ who was in my heart was in his. Towards the end of the week, I sat down and told him the whole sordid story. He listened, he understood, then he told me things I knew but things I now understand. He knew people and he loved people. And he was a pastor's pastor. On the day of his funeral,

the Selma church was full clear up to the choir loft. And the entire front section on the right was filled with pastors white and black. I had seen him counseling them in the years before—and they were grateful for it. Perhaps the most significant indication of his enjoyment of life ministry is to be seen in the fact that his youngest daughter, Lynn, has chosed to follow him into the ministry to people. And she will not be dissuaded. As a Christian, she is going into social welfare work. Throughout his life course, Claude never left the message of the cross. There were many opportunities to leave the preaching of the Word—to become involved in school work, in the civil rights movement, in other administrative work, in political life but he never left the preaching of the Word as the primary factor of his ministry. There were those who thought that Jesus should leave the cross to come down and care for his mother's social welfare. But he knew she too needed the salvation he was even then working out on the cross without that cross, no social welfare could mean much. And Claude too refused all those other invitations. He was involved in all those other activities but he never left the message of the cross to do it. Last sermon he preached at Presbytery and at Synod came out of God's Word. These are two marks of a crucified man features of the life of C. C. Brown ones from which we can all learn. First, the committment of his life and life purposes to Christ: "Father into thy hands, I commend my spirit" and second his understanding of the needs of people, "Woman behold your son, son, behold thy mother". The first dealt with his relationship to God, the second dealt with his relationship to man. And they were features of the life of C. C. Brown.

CHARLES T. CARSON
1888—1976

Charles Thompson Carson was born to Covenanter parents, near Oakdale, Illinois, on August 23, 1888. After attending the Oakdale Elementary School, he remained at home three years, assisting on the farm because of the incapacity of his father. He attended High school at Sparta, Illinois and later attended Geneva College, graduating in 1915. Following college graduation he enrolled in the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary and graduated in 1918. He was licensed to preach the gospel by the Illinois Presbytery on May 9, 1917. On March 7, 1919 he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Greeley Congregation. That same year he was united in marriage with Miss Lyda Mae Finley, of Sparta, Illinois.

Dr. Carson entered into the new pastoral relationship with enthusiasm and the congregation prospered under his leadership. While serving as pastor he studied at the Colorado State Teachers College and received a Master of Arts degree. Because of his interest in teaching on the college level, he resigned from the Greeley Con-

gregation on August 25, 1926, to become an instructor in Economics and Sociology at Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas. While serving at the college, he also supplied the pulpit of the Stafford Congregation, which was vacant at that time.

In April of 1929 he received a call to become pastor of the Sterling Congregation. He accepted the call and was installed on May 30 of that year. While serving as pastor he continued to teach part time at the college. Those were the days of the great depression and it is significant that he was able to provide leadership in both the congregation and the college in those difficult times. In 1938 he resigned as pastor in order that he might give full time to teaching at the college.

In 1941 he was appointed Business Manager and Purchasing Agent for Geneva College. This was during World War II, which was a critical time for the college. Among other things, it became the responsibility of Dr. Carson to care for the Air Training Cadets who were stationed at the college for some time. Those were happy days of service for it meant that he not only had contact with the academic community, but it also afforded the opportunity to become acquainted with civic and business leaders in Beaver County. In 1944, during this interval of service he was given the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity, by Geneva College.

1949 marked another change, when he left Geneva to become pastor of the Clarinda, Iowa, Congregation. In 1958 his ministry was cut short by a stroke, but he recovered to the extent that he was able to continue preaching until 1960, when he retired and he and Mrs. Carson went to live in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. They resided in Beaver Falls until 1973 when they took up residence at the Reformed Presbyterian Home for the Aged.

Charles Carson was a versatile man and demonstrated his abilities as a pastor, an educator and a business man. He was well known in all the communities where he lived. Usually, he was a member of the Kiwanis or some other Service Organization. While living at Clarinda he was chairman of the Community College Committee, and spearheaded a movement to establish an accredited Junior College in Southwest Iowa.

As a pastor, he was a man of tender compassion for the aged, and was always ready to help those facing problems and difficulties. As a teacher, he had a genuine concern for his students. He was especially interested in guiding young people in finding employment within the bounds of the church. While serving as a professor at Sterling, it can be said that he was one of the most popular teachers on the campus. Many are the people who can testify concerning the influence which he had upon them as a preacher, a pastor or a teacher. In his preaching and his teaching he demonstrated originality of thought and was able

to challenge his students to study deeper. It may also be noted that the Carson home was given to hospitality. Many can testify concerning the food and fellowship which Dr. and Mrs. Carson provided for students and for members of their congregations.

Still another interest was in the field of National Reform. This developed during the years of service at Geneva and it continued until the end of his life. For many years he served on the Board of Directors of the National Reform Association, and after his retirement he gave much time to promoting the work of the organization.

In numerous other ways he served the church. In 1948 he organized the first of the Covichord groups which traveled and sang in many of the congregations of the church. He was always ready to carry his share of the duties of presbytery and synod. While living in the Midwest, he gave many years of service on the Board of Publication.

After several months of declining health, he entered into the eternal rest on July 14, 1976. He is survived by his wife, by a son, Norman, and by four grandchildren. It may be said of him as it was of Barnabas, "For he was a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." (Acts 11:24)' He awaits the voice of the Eternal Judge, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

CLOYD ERSKINE CASKEY
1897—1975

Cloyd Erskine Caskey was born to Joseph Fleming and Mary Andrews Caskey December 17, 1897, near the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Clarinda, Iowa. He was called to his heavenly home early in the morning of July 22, 1975, at Olathe Kansas.

Cloyd received his early education in the public schools of College Springs, Iowa. He was graduated from Cooper (now Sterling) College with the B.A. Degree in 1920. He received the Diploma of the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in 1923.

Faithfully taught in the way of the Lord by devout and earnest parents, Cloyd became a communicant member of the Long Branch Congregation at Blanchard, Iowa at the age of thirteen. He was active in congregational and Presbyterial Young People's Societies, and was a member of gospel teams while a student at Cooper College. He was licensed to preach the gospel by Kansas Presbytery in 1922. In the summer of 1923 Cloyd served the Rose Point, Pennsylvania, Congregation as stated supply. In October, 1923, he was ordained a minister of the gospel by Kansas Presbytery at Sterling and appointed Superintendent of the Cache Creek Indian Mission at Apache, Oklahoma, where he served until July, 1924.

In May, 1924, Mr. Caskey was married to Miss Mabel Braum of

Denison, Kansas. After attending Biblical Seminary, New York City, the Fall term, they sailed for Cyprus in January, 1925, under appointment of the Board of Foreign Missions. They were first located in Nicosia from which Rev. Caskey had a wide itinerant ministry to the villages of the Island, and directed a strong youth ministry reaching to the students of the two Academies as well as youth of the Greek and Armenian congregations. The Caskeys spent their summers in mountain villages living among the people, learning their language and ministering to them in many practical ways. During their second term the Caskeys were located in Limassol to begin a ministry in that part of the Island. Before leaving on furlough, Rev. Caskey saw Argos Zodhiates ordained to the ministry and settled in Limassol to continue what he had begun there. Three sons were born to the Caskeys in Cyprus, Joseph M. and twins, Kenneth C. and Carrol E. A daughter died in infancy.

In May, 1939, the Caskeys came to the United States on furlough, but were prevented from returning to Cyprus by the outbreak of World War II. Rev. Caskey spent the rest of his life serving pastorates in this country, but he never lost his concern for the church in Cyprus. He continued correspondence with people whose lives he had especially influenced in his ministry there. He was stated supply at Eskridge, Kansas for eighteen months. In June, 1941, he became pastor of the Long Branch Congregation, Blanchard, Iowa. There Mrs. Caskey died in September 1942. In October, 1944, Mr. Caskey was married to Miss Frances McKie of Blanchard. They have one daughter, Jean Louise.

Other pastorates were Fresno, California, 1945 to 1951; Superior, Nebraska, 1951 to 1957; stated supply, Beulah, Nebraska, 1951 to 1957; pastor, Wilkinsburg, Pa., 1957 to 1967; Olathe, Kansas, 1967 to Dec. 31, 1972.

Cloyd Caskey was a man of many gifts, all of which were dedicated to the service of his Master and to his fellow men. He was a talented musician and was well known as a leader of singing in worship. For a time he played the clarinet in the Cyprus Philharmonic Concert Orchestra. While pastor at Blanchard he organized a high school band. For several years he wrote a weekly column in the **Cyprus Mail**, the island's English newspaper; he occasionally served as guest editor for the Superior, Nebraska, newspaper. He was an evangelist at heart with a special interest in youth. Wherever he went he encouraged Christian fellowship. He organized a business men's prayer group in Fresno, and was active in the organization of the Western Regional Office of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Cloyd Caskey gave valuable service in the Presbyteries where he served and to the Synod. He was a member of the revision commit-

tees for the 1950 and 1973 editions of the Psalter, contributing both to the translation and to the musical arrangements. He was a member of the Interchurch Correspondence and Study Committee, 1950—1970. He was an instructor in Greek at the Seminary 1961-1967. In June, 1950, Geneva College conferred upon him the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity. He was elected Moderator of Synod in 1963.

Cloyd Caskey will be remembered as a man of God who quietly and most cheerfully served the Lord and His people in whatever his hand found to do. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on! Yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them." (Rev. 14:13).

E. Clark Copeland

JAMES BURT WILLSON
1891—1976

James Burt Willson was born in Allegheny, Pa. January 5, 1891 and died February 13, 1976. He was the fourth generation of a branch of the Willson family to serve Christ in the Reformed Presbyterian Church in the position of pastor and professor. As a student he attended the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary from 1911 to 1914. The year following his ordination by Pittsburgh Presbytery (1919), and the year of his father's death, Synod elected him to the Seminary Board of Superintendents. He served as a member of this Board until 1950, eight of those years as its Secretary. In 1950 he was elected to the faculty in the field of Pastoral Theology and Homiletics. Three years later he was appointed to the department of Biblical Languages and Literature, in which he continued to teach until his retirement in 1962.

The admonition of the Apostle Paul to Timothy, "the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also," has been accepted by the church as Christ's mandate. James Renwick Willson, who taught in the Seminary from 1836—1851; his son James McLeod (1859—1866); his son David Burt, (1875—1916); and his son James Burt (1950—1962) all reflect both the committment to the training of teaching elders on the part of the church, and a personal response to the calling to become teachers.

In the choice of its teaching-elders, the church has sought out those it deemed qualified. The criteria of qualifications has varied from generation to generation. However, two factors have characterized this requirement, namely, competence in the specific field to be taught, and experience in the pastoral office.

Doctor Burt, as he was called by Faculty and students, lived in the shadow of three Presbyterian Seminaries during his early boyhood. He

attended schools in Allegheny, and later the University of Pittsburgh, where he received the B.A. degree at the age of 18. His Seminary training, and graduate work at the University of Michigan (1913—14), Princeton University (M. A.) and Princeton Seminary (B.D.) (1917), gave opportunity to continue his interest in Biblical languages. Two articles published in the Princeton Theological Review (1917) indicate his interest in archeology as it contributed to an understanding of the life and times of the ancient Near-East.

On September 1, 1932, Mr. Willson was united in marriage with Erla Elizabeth Dean. Three children were born to this union, Erla Jean (now Mrs. Wendell McBurney); Katherine Burt (now Mrs. Philip Ploughmaker), and David Dean Willson.

Mr. Willson was ordained by Pittsburgh Presbytery on April 4, 1918. He served as pastor in four congregations, Montclair, N.J.; Wilkinsburg, Pa.; Millers Run, Cecil, Pa.; and Geneva Congregation, Beaver Falls, Pa.; and for a brief time, Youngstown, Ohio as stated supply. His pastoral concern included both the members of the flock over which God placed him, but also in those people in the community who had no affiliation with his congregation. He was deeply devoted to his family, who aided him in both pastoral and teaching ministry.

Beyond his commitment to the pastoral ministry in congregation and community he maintained an interest and loyalty to the denominational outreach of the church. For this reason he was called on to serve on many committees and boards of the church at the Presbytery and Synodical level. In addition to the Seminary Board, he served on the Board of Home Missions (1919—1961); the Geneva Board of Corporators, (1918—1924); Geneva Board of Trustees, (1957—1966); the Witness Committee; and the Executive Committee of the Christian Amendment Movement. He was honored by Geneva College with the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1946, and was chosen to moderate the Synod in 1957.

Another concern manifest in Doctor Burt's ministry is reminiscent of another of the Apostle's requests to Timothy. "When you come, bring with you the books, but especially the parchments." (II Tim. 4:13) For many years he led in efforts to preserve sessional records, minutes of presbyteries and synods and other church records. While still a Seminary student, he, with Will Coleman, began the catalog of the Seminary library. For two years after his retirement he served part-time as Librarian in the Seminary Library. He served as chairman of a committee to assemble material for a Digest of Deliverances of Synod—a task which proved too massive for the time available.

We remember with thankfulness God's grace in the ministry which can be described as a work of faith and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (Thess. 1:3)

S. Bruce Willson

COMMITTEE ON QUESTIONS ON COVENANTING REPORT TO SYNOD AUGUST 1976

In the afternoon of April 27, 1976, all members of the committee except the chairman found opportunity to meet at Geneva College to discuss the urgency of Synod's assignment and appropriate ways to fulfill it. As a result of responsibilities accepted by each of the four men present, pertinent papers already procured by the chairman, along with some others known to involve questions concerning covenanting, were duplicated and circulated to all committee members. At the request of the chairman, James Wright, his duties were taken over by Paul Martin, who made a number of specific assignments in preparation for a committee meeting at Carleton on August 11 before the opening of Synod. At that meeting this report was developed from various working drafts and studies by the new chairman and other committee members.

Historical Development of Questions on Covenanting

The Covenanting Times in Scotland were glorious times of the outpouring of God's Spirit, times unfortunately all too brief before the era of persecution and indifference set in. The task that succeeding generations of Covenanters in Britain took up was that of trying to keep alive the memory of that departed glory and thereby, if possible, to pierce the consciences of the people of the land and waken them to a sense of the total allegiance which must be paid to Jesus Christ the Lord.

The task of the later Covenanters in Britain was in a sense simple, or at least well-defined. The National Covenant of Scotland and the Solemn League and Covenant, the two covenants which they were concerned to keep alive in memory, and, if possible, effectively to restore were **national** and **legal** documents; both Covenants had been solemnly sworn to by all classes of the Scottish nation and one of them even subscribed to by the English Parliament. The fact that King Charles II later repudiated these documents and had his parliaments declare them to be treasonous cannot simply invalidate the bond by which the British nation once acknowledged in a true and Biblical sense the sovereignty of Jesus Christ and pledged themselves to maintain and advance the cause of His Gospel and Kingdom against all malignant enemies. The later Covenanters of Britain set themselves stedfastly to remind the nation of these solemn pledges.

In America the task of the Covenanters was more complex. They had not only to remember the history and glories of their forebears in Reformation Scotland but also in some fashion to apply the lessons of that history to a new and independent nation. Quite naturally they might think in terms of devising something like an "American National Covenant" to commit this nation explicitly to the authority of Christ.

But this was not to be. And increasingly in the 19th century as the Scottish experience grew more remote, and as the meaning of being a "Covenanter" in America became more difficult to explain, pressure grew within the R. P. Church to devise a **denominational** "covenant", a document which, at the very least, would confirm and justify the name "Covenanter".

Indeed the tendency on both sides of the Atlantic was for later Covenanters to take the "covenanting" deeds of Reformation Scotland, which were quite original and unique to that era, and try to develop from them a theory of the universal Christian **duty** of "covenanting". This is one source of difficulties which are yet with us.

The discussion of covenanting in the 19th century RPCNA, as exhibited principally in the pages of **The Reformed Presbyterian** periodical, shows a significant shift from the theological explanation proposed in late 17th century Scotland, a time when the Covenants had become outlawed and Covenanters were being actively persecuted. The earlier claim was that a "covenant" could bind the covenanting community and its posterity to matters which were "indifferent" that is, which were allowed by God but not commanded. The later reasoning in America was to the effect that "covenants" could only bind posterity in terms of things which God already commanded. This shift is significant beacuse it shows the attempt to get free from the kind of social and legal reasoning which the older national "covenants" of Scotland were inevitably involved with, and to establish the idea of "covenanting" upon a purely Biblical foundation of universal validity.

Nevertheless, as sound an idea as it was to try and establish "covenanting" on a Biblical foundation, this same 19th century discussion in the RPCNA reveals that the actual arguments employed to prove "covenanting" from Scripture are highly questionable. Besides the direct appeal to Scriptural examples of covenanting (which will be discussed later on in this report) frequent recourse was had to such passages as Genesis 4:26 (as a supposed reference to the beginning of covenanting), Isaiah 19:18-21 (as a supposed prophecy of covenanting in NT times), and II Corinthians 8:5 (as a supposed fulfilment of such OT prophecies of NT covenanting). One favorite Scripture which was generally misunderstood and misapplied in RP and AP circles was Psalm 76:11 (as a supposed command of God that His people engage in covenanting).

Perhaps the reason for the obvious discrepancies between the earnest desire to make out "covenanting" as truly Biblical and the rather forced and unconvincing "Biblical" arguments they engaged in is that these Covenanters began at the wrong end. They started with the model of the Scottish "covenants" as normative, and then they tried

to find support for this model from Scripture. The temptation, obviously, a temptation not always successfully avoided, was to force the Scriptures to say what they had already decided the Scriptures **must** say.

To avoid the pitfalls and confusions arising from this procedure, we must begin with the Scriptural concept of covenanting and so determine the extent to which the "covenants" of Reformation times and of mid-19th century have universal validity.

Let us be aware, too, in a way that 19th century proponents of the "social covenant" apparently were not, that a "covenanting" tradition may have its particular dangers as well as its particular strengths. We must recognize that the living faith of the past, glorious as that faith was, cannot be handed on to posterity by attempting to bind that posterity to observance of a tradition or conformity with an example. We best honor and emulate the living faith of the past when we stand forthrightly for the direct authority of God's Word itself and so pass on to our posterity **that** glorious heritage. No amount of the glorious covenanting of the past or of the solemn pledges of our forebears should be permitted to rival in the least degree the only true and safe motivation that there is in things spiritual: the glory and honor of the Lord our God. As we serve Him, united in brotherly bonds with those whose standard for faith and practice is the Word of God alone, we must honor the faith of the past by seeking to honor our mutual King with equal energy and honesty.

Current Interest and Activity

To deal with papers which relate to the R. P. stand on covenanting, Synod has set up the following committees: the Committee to Revise the Testimony (in 1969) to clear up some obscurities in our standards by updating both language and format of the **Declaration and Testimony**; the Committee on Questions on Covenanting (in 1970) to clarify the theological issues involved in covenanting and, if necessary, to propose appropriate changes in the church standards; and the Committee to Restudy the Overture on Terms of Communion and Church Membership (in 1975) as a follow-up of the Committee to Study Questions Regarding Close Communion. In addition, a paper on covenanting originating from Pittsburgh Presbytery is slated for presentation to this Synod. Evidently, then, questions on covenanting are alive and demand answers. With some awareness of the interests and labors of these other groups, we shall endeavor to present a set of conclusions and recommendations that may contribute to a sound and consistent result.

For their ready and helpful assistance the committee extends special thanks to Prof. F. S. Leahy of the R. P. Theological Hall in Northern Ireland, to Dr. Renwick Wright, and to Rev. Edward Robson. We

do not mean to imply, however, that these men are bound to agree with this report.

Statement of Questions

Questions on covenanting which have arisen most persistently within the RPCNA recently are: 1. "Is covenanting really a universal and normal **duty** for individuals, churches, and nations?" and 2. "Are the obligations of such covenants (such as the Covenant of 1871) **perpetually binding**?"

The plan of this report is: (A) to note a certain ambiguity in traditional R. P. language on the subject of covenanting and to propose a reduction of this ambiguity in order to answer Question No. 1 concerning the duty of covenanting; (B) to examine briefly the Biblical pattern and purpose for those solemn engagements by which men entered into covenant with God, and in the light of these to propose a partial answer to Question No. 2 concerning the perpetual obligation of covenants; (C) to touch very briefly on the main thrust of Covenanter history as a help toward completing the answer to Question No. 2; and (D) to take up, in the nature of an appendix, the subsidiary question of the distinction between a covenant and a vow.

A. With regard to the duty of covenanting, we propose a statement which, whatever its meaning, we regard as a fair summary of the traditional R. P. position. The statement is this: "Covenanting is an ordinance of God for individuals, churches, and nations." We observe, first, that the term "ordinance" in this connection properly means a **command** of God, an **obligation** which He exacts, not simply that which is sometimes allowable. Thus the traditional R. P. stand means that covenanting is a command of God for individuals; churches, and nations. Can this be maintained as a general truth? The answer is "Yes" **if** a certain interpretation is made of "covenanting". **If** the term "covenanting" is understood in a loose and non-formal sense to denote **some** kind of honest acknowledgement of Christ's Lordship, the traditional statement is true because, obviously, all individuals and social groups should acknowledge Christ's supreme authority. A serious objection to such an interpretation, however, is simply that "covenanting" has in our church's history been much more narrowly and formally defined, particularly in terms of the 17th century Scottish national "covenants". In the light of this background, to understand "covenanting" in a loose and non-formal way would be mere juggling with words. But what if the term "covenanting" is given its full historically-conditioned meaning in the traditional statement? In that case the traditional statement is by no means provable from Scripture. In fact, there would seem to be a very good case to support the contention that this formal kind of "covenanting" is **not** a general command of God. Note, for example, the apparently rather basic kind of

statement of faith which the apostles exact from their converts at the time of their baptism, as in Acts 2:38 and 16:30-33. There is nothing here like a formal "covenant" in the Scottish tradition, although certainly the truly covenantal act of baptism implied many things that were not enumerated at the time.

Conclusion 1: According to the foregoing analysis the term "covenanting" is, at various points in our standards, ambiguous. It has become a term that increasingly requires explanation and gives rise to misunderstanding, rather than a term that conveys a clear and useful Biblical concept. Therefore, all references in our subordinate standards to "covenanting as an ordinance of God" should be replaced by statements which express with other, more useful terminology the universal obligation to acknowledge Christ's sovereignty.

B. Let us now approach the question regarding the perpetual obligation of covenants by noting the Scripture texts which illustrate the Biblical concept of men-entering-into-covenant-with-God: Josh. 24:1-28; II Kings 11:4,17; II Kings 23:3; II Chron. 15:12; II Chron. 29:10; II Chron. 34:31,32; Ezra 10:3; Jer. 34:8-19. We note the following as common to all these instances:

1. God's own manifest and sovereign covenant administration of grace and law to His people is the presupposition of any covenant which His people might formulate by way of response. The real covenant initiative always remains with God; men's covenants with God do not themselves alter the constitution of God's covenant.
2. Such covenants-of-response engage, at least representatively, the whole covenant people of God of that time, and not simply a portion of them.
3. God's covenant people are properly called into such acts of covenanting by their God-appointed leaders.
4. The substance of the obligation into which they engage to enter is never any new duty added to God's pre-existent covenant law, but always a pledge to fulfill the terms of that very law.
5. An act of covenanting was evidently called for at a time when God's law had been signally and scandalously neglected in various ways.
6. The special emphasis of such covenants-of-response is to redress the particular areas of neglect with a pointed dedication to obedience in those very areas, despite any attendant embarrassments, difficulties, or dangers.

There should be no doubt that this kind of candid response is appropriate in the NT age when God's people need to re-address themselves to seriously neglected aspects of God's Word. The leaders of Christ's church must call His people to solemn confession and

rededication when such neglect has prevailed.

The question facing us is whether this kind of solemn rededication should be designated a "covenant". We believe the term is inappropriate for at least two reasons:

1. The Biblical (OT) examples of covenanting evidently involve an essential sacrificial ceremony (Jer. 34:18 and compare Gen. 15:9-11,17,18) not appropriate to the NT order.
2. The term "covenant" as used in the English language has its own well-established history and has acquired the distinctive meaning of a solemn agreement or contract between two or more parties with equal status.

Conclusion 2: While we would allow the word "covenant" to remain in the titles of such solemn pledges in R. P. history as the National Covenant of Scotland, the Solemn League and Covenant, and the Covenant of 1871, we consider it more generally helpful for the church to keep the Biblical foundation of this term clear and distinct in its subordinate standards. In this way the church may be better prepared to understand and apply the non-ceremonial substance of such OT solemn engagements rather than to imitate the particular forms of the Scottish and American "covenanting" traditions.

Conclusion 3: The practice of solemn, public rededication to obey God's Word should be encouraged in the RP Church, not as a mere religious form but as an opportunity to express explicitly, candidly, and publicly the determination of God's people, in His grace and Spirit, to obey **all** of God's commands, and **particularly** those which have become difficult because of neglect.

Conclusion 4: Such solemn and official acts of dedication on the part of God's people as the Covenant of 1871 are certainly "perpetually binding" to the extent that these acts are appropriate imitations of the Biblical model of covenanting with God. And this is so because such Biblical covenants themselves add nothing to the sum of actual duties and obligations already exacted by God's action, but simply restate and make explicit the application of God's Word to the current situation. Therefore, to the extent that the Covenant of 1871 and other similar engagements faithfully apply God's Word and continue to be an adequate expression of God's demands upon our present circumstances, they do continue to "bind" the present generation. To that extent they do continue to call us to obedience with the authority of God. However, to the extent that such documents fall short of full, accurate, or pertinent embodiment of God's Word, they fail to "bind" with God's authority.

But obviously, to the extent that any "covenant" or solemn engagement rests upon other principles than those of the Biblical model, it certainly cannot bind God's people as such, because God's people, as

such, can only be universally and permanently bound by the terms of God's own covenant. Any obligation they have with regard to other agreements or contracts must rest upon social and legal foundations whose validity is non-permanent and non-universal.

C. It is, however, not adequate simply to sum up the significance of our "covenanting" heritage by saying that such solemn acts of dedication to God are binding "only in so far as they are expressions of God's Word". One could say virtually the same thing about any document, good or bad. Such a statement, therefore, though true, does not give the whole truth.

What is needed in addition is that we do justice to the faithful witness of past generations, especially the past generations of our own heritage; recognizing and honoring examples of full, candid, and uncompromising acknowledgement of Christ's Lordship and appropriate dedication to His service wherever these are found. As we so honor the faithful testimony of the past, and thus honor the work of the Holy Spirit in the past, we are acknowledging the continuing obligation that rests upon us to maintain a no less whole-hearted, consistent, complete, and pertinent testimony in these our own times.

Conclusion 5: The R.P. Church, and its leaders in particular, should continue to look back for particular encouragement to the uncompromising and aggressive testimony to the Lordship of Christ that was attained in the 17th century Scottish "covenanting" tradition and which was recapitulated in America in the Covenant of 1871.

Conclusion 6: The study of and regard for our own past should, however, never become legalistic entanglement with the particular forms of past solemn pledges as if they themselves were "perpetually binding". Rather these engagements should challenge us to stand with equal boldness, faithfulness, and wisdom for the cause of God's Word and Christ's Kindgom today.

D. Our pertinent review of the substance and implications of vows, oaths, and Covenants is directed toward the answering of two questions: (a) "Are vows, oaths, and covenants required?" and (b) "What are the content, scope, and duration of vows and covenants?"

(a) The principal thing to be observed in regard to the Biblical usage of the words translated "vow" or "oath" is that (with the exception to be noted below) they refer to actions that are **completely voluntary**: a man is in no sense obliged, either legally or morally, to bind himself by a vow (Deut. 23:22).

The exception to the above rule is that in **judicial proceedings** an oath, as a solemn pledge of truthfulness, may be required of a witness or litigant (e.g. Num. 5:1,21).

Note, however, that the vow or oath is in Scripture **not** used as a

part of ordinary and required worship. Nor is covenanting. It should be mentioned that Psalm 76:11, which has often been appealed to in this connection, is not germane. "Vow and pay to the Lord" can simply be understood as a Hebrew idiom for saying, "When you vow to the Lord, be sure to pay it," or an elliptical way of saying, "Make your vows to the Lord your God **only**." It certainly cannot be used to set aside the law concerning vows as given in Deuteronomy 23:22.

What we do find, however, is that these God-given forms become especially **appropriate** at times. A vow (still entirely voluntary, its non-use involving no sin) is one way to express special thankfulness or devotion or concern. Now while it is true that special thankfulness, devotion, or concern may themselves be the response morally required by circumstances, yet a vow is never the only and required form for expressing that response.

On the other hand, circumstances may be such that a rededication to obedience on the part of God's people is imperative. And the leaders of God's people surely have the responsibility then to demand such a rededication. Such a solemn public act is surely a proper application of the permanent substance of the OT examples of covenanting to these NT times. So then it can be said that such application of the Biblical pattern is **at times** a requirement for God's people.

However, it is not according to the pattern shown us in Scripture that covenanting is a normal and regular requirement for God's people. To try and maintain the necessity of such a "duty" then is to miss the specific emphasis of the Scriptural pattern and to burden the church with a distracting and therefore unhealthy emphasis upon form.

Perhaps it would be well to note here that the pattern of response which is evidently required from God's people is that of a simple acknowledgement of God's covenant graciousness extended to them, a recognition of their responsibility to respond to that graciousness, a recognition of the duties attached to that gracious covenant, and an unfeigned promise to live willingly according to the new way of life under God (e.g. Ex. 19:3-8; Acts 2:37-42).

(b) As to the content, duration, and scope of vows and covenants, in a vow (Hebrew: **neder**), whether the promise is absolute or dependent upon the fulfilment of certain conditions, the thing to be "paid" to the Lord, though apparently unregulated as long as the thing offered is legal and honorable (cf. Deut. 23:18), seems to have been understood within a well-defined context. Vows were ordinarily made to offer to the Lord as extra amount of the sort of thing which was of proven acceptability to Him and which in some amount He already required: such things as sacrifices, money, service (cf. Gen. 28:20-22; Lev. 22:21; I Sam. 1:11,21; II Sam. 15:8; Jonah 2:9). The

vow of the Nazarite was along somewhat different lines in that it was a God-appointed way of offering to the Lord a form of self-denial. It should be noted that this form of accpetable religious service of self-denial was strictly regulated (Num. 6); apparently God's people were not encouraged to devise their own self-denial for religious devotion (e.g. Lev. 19:27,28; 21:5). In all instances a vow **cost** something to the one making it, and this difficulty and cost, the very demonstration of willing devotion to God, is the heart of the idea of vow. The Scriptural examples of vows which diverge from these guidelines are not encouraging (e.g. Jud. 11:30-40; I Sam. 14:24-30). And the presupposition of all Scriptural examples is that the one who makes the vow is the one who will pay it; there is here no concept of binding future generations by one's own vow.

There are two explicit warnings given in Scripture regarding vows: (1) Vows are not to be entered into rashly or thoughtlessly (Eccl. 5:4-6); and as for the related concept of oaths, they are to be generally shunned (Matt. 5:33-37). (2) Vows which are legally entered into are certainly to be paid to the Lord in full (Deut. 23:23).

A vow is normally taken by an individual rather than by a group, but there is one instance in which the whole people of God entered into a vow (Num. 21:2,3). In this case it might well be argued that the people were making the vow in the role of an army rather than in the character of God's people in its fullness. At any rate, we observe that the vow taken at this time was of the ordinary kind in other respects: it was a promise to God of the spoils of war if He should grant His people victory. It was not in any way a "binding" of future generations.

The "binding" of future generations is, in Scripture, emphatically reserved for **God's covenant**, in the sense that future generations could not escape the outworking of God's covenant promises and curses among them. Whether or not they continued to acknowledge the terms of the covenant, they would continue to be held responsible. But this obligation rests on God's covenant, not on any terms devised by men.

Indeed, the Biblical examples of covenants between men or nations derive their force from the faithfulness of the God Who keeps His covenant. It is the name of the covenant-keeping God, appealed to by the God-appointed leader of the theocratic nation in solemn ritual slaughter (cf. Gen. 15:9-11,17,18; Jer. 34:18), which is the ultimate ground for the binding of future generations of the nation. This is particularly manifest when we consider that the covenant which Joshua made with the Gibeonites could not be revoked even though the Gibeonites had obtained that covenant of peace only by deception as to their identity (Joshua 9:3-21).

Note, however, that the pledge to the Gibeonites is not in the category of a covenant made with God, a covenant-form discussed here in section B. Nor can entering into this kind of covenant be considered at all obligatory; much less can it be a regular duty.

Conclusion 7: Since a usage has grown up for the English words "vow", "oath", and "covenant" which does **not** convey an accurate impression of the Biblical concept conveyed by corresponding Hebrew and Greek terms, it is important that the church should regain the primacy of the Biblical concept in its thinking. In no case should merely traditional usage of these terms be allowed to obscure the clarity of the normative Biblical concept or compromise by ill-considered words the proper, responsible freedom that belongs to God's covenant people as its birthright.

Recommendations:

1. That this Synod hereby give its understanding of the "perpetually binding" character of such a solemn engagement in the history of the RPCNA as the Covenant of 1871 as follows: That such an engagement continues to speak authoritatively to the church and to be binding upon it only in so far as it continues to express God's Word accurately and pertinently.

2. That this Synod hereby encourage the officers of the RPCNA to study the question of the solemn pledges and confessions to which God may now be calling us.

3. That the following propositions for changes in our subordinate standards be studies by our leaders and members and their criticisms submitted to this committee by December 15, 1976, and that the committee make appropriate adjustments and present them to the 1977 Synod for approval and overture:

a. Title of Chapter XXVII of **The Declaration and Testimony**, page 200, to become "Of Civil and Religious Oaths."

b' Section 4 of Chapter XXVII of **The Declaration and Testimony**, page 201, to read:

A vow in the specific sense used by Scripture is more than a synonym for an oath or solemn pledge. A vow in the Scriptural sense is made only to the Lord, not to another person. And it is made specifically as a pledge of a gift, and not for any other purpose. It is a promise to pay the Lord some thing or some service beyond what He already requires. Such vows are not part of ordinary or required worship but are acceptable ways of expressing special thankfulness, devotion, or concern. They are entirely voluntary but once made must be paid in full by the one who vows. Consequently, vows must never be made rashly or thoughtlessly. Vows by groups as well as individuals may be appropriate under special circumstances, but they do not oblig-

ate any except those who take them.

c. Section 5 of Chapter XXVII of **The Declaration and Testimony**, page 201, to be deleted.

d. Error 5 of Chapter XXVII of **The Declaration and Testimony**, page 202, to read:

5. "That open acknowledgement of Christ's Lordship is not a duty in New Testament times."

e. Error 6 of Chapter XXVII of **The Declaration and Testimony**, page 202, to read:

6. "That it is unlawful for any civil society to recognize its obligation to God."

f. Error 7 of Chapter XXVII of **The Declaration and Testimony**, page 202, to be deleted.

g. For last sentence of paragraph five of **The Covenant of 1871**, page 218, the following footnote to be inserted:

The RPCNA, while no longer maintaining that "covenanting" as such is the particular form of response which God demands, yet continues to testify and insist that God demands from all individuals and human institutions **some form** of explicit and candid acknowledgement of His authority, His Word, and His Messianic Kingdom.

h. Title of Chapter IV of **The Directory For Worship**, page 319, to become "Special Religious Observances".

i. Section 3 of Chapter IV of **The Directory For Worship**, page 320, to read:

3. The OT presents us with several instances in which, acting unitedly under the direction of their God-appointed leaders, God's covenant people rededicated themselves solemnly to obey God's covenant law. Especially in view in the Biblical pattern was their pledged determination to obey that law in the particular respects in which they had hitherto been guilty of neglect and indifference.

These OT examples and similar solemn pledges which have in the Scottish and American Reformed Presbyterian tradition been called "covenants" are applicable also to the NT dispensation. At certain times it becomes appropriate that God's people should unite in solemn public rededication of themselves to obey their sovereign Lord in terms of the requirements of His own Word. Such an occasion is never to be a mere formality, but always a time of candid acknowledgement of their own particular neglect of God's commands and a true expression of their single-minded intent to obey God's commands in their present actual circumstances, despite any attendant dangers, difficulties, or embarrassments.

j. **Official Formularies**, pages 333, 334, to be entitled "Terms of Church Membership" and modified according to the recommendations of Synod's Committee to Restudy the Overture on Terms of Communion and Church Membership.

k. Query 5 of "Queries for Ordination, Installation and Licensure" in **Official Formularies**, page 335, to read:

Do you promise, as a leader and officer in Christ's church, to study and honor the Reformation heritage of the RPCNA, especially as expressed in such documents as the Scottish National Covenant, The Solemn League and Covenant, and the Covenant of 1871, in order that you may help guide Christ's church today to a similar vigorous stand in behalf of the absolute authority of the Word of God and the universal sovereignty of Jesus Christ?

l. Sentence 2 of Paragraph 6 of Chapter I of **Church Government**, page 228, to read:

It stands consciously within the Reformation tradition, particularly that of 16th and 17th century Scotland. It seeks today to continue a like vigorous application of the doctrine of Christ's Lordship as has been witnessed to by the National Covenant of Scotland, the Solemn League and Covenant, and the Covenant of 1871.

m. Upon adoption of above changes, all references in the **Constitution** to "Terms of Communion" or "Covenant of Church Membership" become "Terms of Church Membership".

4. That the body of this report be printed in the Appendix of the 1976 **Minutes** for study and possible adoption by the Synod of 1977.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND INTERRELATIONS OF CHURCH AND STATE IN EDUCATION TO THE 165TH SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

The assignment to your committee is exceeding broad and it is impossible to make a comprehensive study in one year. Therefore, we have limited our deliberations to some of what the Scriptures have to say on this subject, along with a few of the implications of these statements of Scripture and broad principles of revelation.

Each member of the committee was assigned parts of both the Old and the New Testaments to see what those parts of Scripture have to say about the education of children.

Most of the references to teaching in the Scripture have to do with what we today call "preaching" or the teaching of the Word of God. All through the Bible there are references to the necessity of people knowing the Word of God and to the fact that the knowledge of the Most High must be taught. The vast majority of these references have to do with the teaching to all people—not just the children—the way of the Lord and do not refer to what we call schools today.

In the books of the Law we have the duty of teaching the Word of God given to the Levites (Leviticus 10:11; Deuteronomy 33:10). Jehoshaphat and Hezekiah both sent the Levites out to do their duty in teaching the people the Word of God, the Law of the Lord. Good King Josiah also commanded the Levites to teach the people (2 Kings 22,23; 2 Chronicles 34,35). This does not seem to be what we call schools, but these good kings were seeing that the "Church Teachers" were carrying out their responsibilities as appointed by God.

Moses, we are told, was educated in all the learning of Egypt (Acts 7:22), but he was in a heathen court. Daniel attended a school in Babylon to prepare for his duties in the government of his time, but because of his faithfulness to God, God gave Him special wisdom. He would not defile himself with the king's meat; he would be true to what he had been taught about God and His Kingdom. Acts 22:3 seems to teach that Paul attended the Greek schools in Tarsus, but his "religious" education was received in the school where Gamaliel was the chief instructor. At Ephesus Paul at least used the facilities of the school of Tyrannus to proclaim the Gospel (Acts 19:9). In Galatians 3:24,25 Paul speaks of "schoolmaster". We find that these were not school teachers but slaves whose duty it was to take the children of their masters to school and see that they did their schoolwork.

In all of Scripture we do not find any place where God has commanded the State, or for that matter any other agency, to operate schools. One of the chief functions of the Church is to teach the Law, truth, precepts, statutes, love, way, etc. of the Lord; this seems to be in a worship situation rather than in a school as we know it today. However, it does not exclude church schools.

Where, then, does God place the responsibility of teaching the children? The Creation ordinance (Genesis 1:26-30) places a duty upon men to teach his offspring about God and His creation. In Deuteronomy 6 it is placed squarely upon the parents, especially the fathers; and they are to teach especially the "love", "fear", "words", "works", "statutes", "worship", "righteousness" of the Lord their God. All through the book of Proverbs this same principle is stressed; the

fathers and mothers are to teach the children. The Psalms and the Song of Solomon seem to concur with this idea.

Paul in 2 Timothy 3:14-17, by the Spirit of God, places his approval on the mother's and grandmother's training of Timothy. Consider how by faith he was obedient to the teachings of his parents and was obedient to the truth of God. Solomon was given great wisdom by God; thus, through his study of God's creation, he wrote about a variety of God's Creation (I Kings 4:33).

Christianity is not a religion of texts, but the whole teaching of the Word of God. Our doctrine is agreeable unto and founded upon the whole Word of God. We must therefore look at the whole impact of the Bible on this important question. It was in this way that the Westminster Standards were written. In Psalm 9:10 we sing, "And those who know Thy name will put their trust in Thee." To know the name is to know the Person. To know the Name Yahweh is to know or to trust Him.

We need also to understand that trust, belief, faith, and knowledge cannot be separated; the words are mutually dependent in many places. The same is true in the scientific field; faith and knowledge are related in the closest possible way. Because certain truths are known, we act upon that knowledge believing that on the basis of these facts, certain results will follow. The two ideas can never be really separated.

In the teachings of Jesus Christ, recorded in the Gospel, we do not find direct reference to schools; yet from those accounts we find some of the strongest arguments for Christian education. All through the records of Jesus' life and teachings we find Him marveling at the unbelief of the people. They did not believe because they did not know God, the Scriptures, or God's creation. He was condemning both parents and leaders, teachers in the Church, for the ignorance of the people and for their not believing Him, His works, or His Father. In His High-Priestly prayer He says, "And this is eternal life, that they may know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent...Sanctify them in the truth. Thy word is Truth...O righteous Father, although the world has not known Thee, yet I have known Thee; and these have known that Thou didst send Me; and I have made Thy name known to them, and will make it known; that the love wherewith Thou didst love Me may be in them and I in them." (John 17:3,17,25,26). Christian faith thrives on knowledge. That knowledge must be disseminated! It must be taught by word and example to our children.

Jesus had a great love for children and often used them as an illustration to teach truth. Consider Mark 10:13-16:

> And they began bringing children to him, so that He might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But

> when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say unto you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it at all." And he took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands upon them.

We cannot physically bring our children to Jesus and have Him place His hands on them and bless them; but it is our privilege and duty in teaching our children to bring them to the living, reigning Christ and look to Him by faith to bring them into the Kingdom of God.

We need to give good heed to Matthew 18:1-14. Here Jesus is warning about stumbling-blocks in the way of children causing them to sin and keeping them from believing in Christ. Jesus makes it plain that any man who, through sin, causes a little one to fall from Him would be better off if he had never been born. It would be better for him to be killed than to cause a child not to believe. Here is why Christian education is so necessary. Education which does not bring a child to Christ is causing him to stumble.

The Christian does not need to be afraid of the body of knowledge known as "science". God is the Author of all true science. He is Truth Himself. He cannot deny Himself. God is the Author of all archaeology, so we do not need to fear that some archaeologist will turn a shovel of dirt or debris and find some artifacts or evidence which would disprove Christianity. The facts of archaeology, like the facts of science, have to be (and are) interpreted. It is the unchristian philosophical interpretation which is placed upon scientific facts and archaeological finds which the Christian has to fear and oppose. The word "philosophy" is made up of two Greek words meaning "to love", or "lover", and "wisdom". A philosopher is a lover of wisdom. Man has developed many corruptions of this meaning. It must be remembered that God is the Author of all creation and wisdom. All human facts are God-created facts. They can be interpreted correctly only in the light of God and His Word. The philosophy which holds the field in education today is based on what is called evolution, pragmatism, humanism and many other such false philosophies. According to these, everything is constantly changing; there are no absolutes and there can be no absolutes. Therefore, the God of Scripture not only does not exist, but He cannot exist. According to such philosophies, the Christian cannot be given a hearing. If there is a god, he is no different from man; all are in this world of chance. This the Christian must deny; he must teach his children the Truth and the true God Who is revealed in the Bible. God must be taught as the infinite, eter-

nal and unchangeable God. Who can perform all His holy will. There is no force or person above or beyond Him who can cause Him to do anything. He is self-sufficient, not dependent upon any outside Himself nor upon anything He has made. Yet this God humbles Himself to hear the prayers of His children who come to Him through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who loved us and give Himself for us.

The fact that God is the Creator of all is basic to all Christianity, not just for the way of salvation but for the understanding of all science. All is created by God and can be completely understood only by Him. Only His interpretation of a fact is true. Man is given the privilege in a small way of thinking God's thoughts after Him and doing His work after Him. We and our children are to be conformed unto His image. The doctrine of creation demands Christian education.

Hand in hand with the doctrine of creation is the covenant relationship which God has established between parent and child, the covenant responsibilities of the parent in training his children in the way of the Lord. Acts 2:39 is a case in point. "For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself". The promise here is the promise of the Holy Spirit's bringing all the Covenant blessings and responsibilities. The promises do not come without the Covenant responsibilities. We must, therefore, educate the children in the knowledge of the Lord that all might be conformed to the image of Christ.

"And Jesus was going about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people" (Matthew 4:23). The teaching of Jesus about the Kingdom of God demands Christian education for our children. The Gospel is not just to save individuals but to build a Christian community, to build men into the Kingdom of God, to teach them to be good subjects of the King of kings. Jesus explained it in Luke 10:27. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." He also explained love as fulfilling the law. In modern language this is simply applying the will of God to every situation, duty, problem, and relationship of life and thought. This requires a lot of education for all of us fallen men, for we must know the will of God in order to apply His Word to our lives. All must be brought into subjection to His will.

In light of the above, we should take a thumbnail sketch of the history of American Education. The kitchen schools and all the early grammar schools, as well as all institutions of higher learning in the Colonies, were started in order to teach the children the will of God and how to live for Christ in this world. The Northwest Ordinance, Article 3, reads: "Religion, morality, and knowledge, being necessary

to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged." The first laws in the Colonies to govern education were requirements for even small communities to maintain schools, free to all their children, for instruction of the children in religion, morals, and knowledge. The same men wrote the Articles of Confederation, the Northwest Ordinance, and the Constitution with its first ten amendments. They found no conflict between these documents.

Horace Mann wanted the Bible taught in the schools because of the moral influence it has on men, even unbelievers. However, he wanted the schools to be the servant of the State instead of the parents. Today the state almost completely controls the public schools, even though some people are still fighting against this principle. It is reported by Rousas J. Rushdoony that Thomas Jefferson, who was a staunch advocate of free public schools, "expressed the view on one occasion that he would as soon see the farms and the factories managed by the state as to see local public education subsidized by the state." However, Mann's idea has prevailed and we now have man-centered, state-controlled education instead of God-centered education in our public schools. Yet, we do have many Christian educators in our public schools, for which we are devoutly thankful to Almighty God.

The State of Michigan in its revised Constitution of 1963 carries this same statement of Article 3 of the Northwest Ordinance. However, in that state, as well as in all others, the courts have overruled this statement and religion is ruled out of all our public schools.

One other fact should be brought to our attention and that is that the United States Supreme Court has ruled in favor of the right of parents to teach their children rather than have them attend the state-controlled schools.

As Covenanters, we thank God for Geneva College and the Christian schools of our land where the Word of God is taught. Like everything else, education must all be to the glory of God. Every subject and every fact must be taught from a Christian Theistic point of view. As faithful servants of God we must awaken to our duty of educating our children in the Truth to the glory of God, Who said in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

In summary: 1.) Because God, after creating man in the image of God, charged him to bring all things into subjection to God; 2.) Because, by the covenant relationship which God established between parents and children, God gave children to parents—not to the state or the church, even though born into both; and 3.) Because God commanded parents to teach their children the truth of God and to

educate them in the ways of God (Deuteronomy 6; Psalm 34, 111; Ephesians 6:1-4); therefore, it is the duty of parents to educate their children that every thought may be brought into captivity to Christ. Such reasons should be the motives for having the highest possible scholastic standings. Men are God's vice-regents. If the State has any right in the field of education, she has forfeited that right because of her exclusion of Christianity and her insistence on education's being only from a rationalistic, humanistic, evolutionary philosophy. The Church, as the "pillar and ground of the truth", should see that parents teach their children the truth.

Recommendations:

1. Synod encourage Christians who are involved as parents, students, teachers, administrators, or board members in state school systems to bear witness to Jesus Christ.
2. That our people be urged to get their children into Christian schools; that sessions work with members of the congregation to see that covenant children receive a Christian education.
3. That our people be urged to cooperate with other Reformed groups to establish Christian schools.
4. That the Committee study the directives of the Federal and State governments, especially those of the department of Health, Education, and Welfare as to how they affect the duties of parents in educating their children.
5. In light of the wide variety of institutions which call themselves "Christian School" that the Committee draw up a list of marks of a Christian School to guide our people in making their decisions in this field.
6. That the Committee provide and recomment literature to guide and inform our people in the field of Christian Education.

Respectfully submitted,
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Donald P. Harrington
Philip W. Martin, Chairman

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL DELEGATE TO THE SYNOD OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

I was appointed your fraternal delegate to the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church meeting at Calvin College June 8—18. I attended meetings Monday morning through Wednesday afternoon June 14—16. It was an especially pleasant experience for me as our son-in-law, the Reverend George Cooper, was a delegate of Classis Hudson. Fraternal delegates are given the privilege of the floor. Delegates of churches in ecclesiastical fellowship are invited to attend

Advisory Committee meetings with the privilege of the floor there. Delegates received their **Agenda**, 541 pages of reports, etc., coming before the Synod, in advance. On arrival and as they became available we were given copies of the Advisory Committee reports which became the basis of Synod's discussion and action. At a luncheon with their Inter-Church Relations Committee we were encouraged to participate in Synod discussions, and we discussed how the exchange of delegates might be made more beneficial. They prefer that delegates be present at the beginning of Synod and remain for as much of it as possible.

They, too, are sharply divided on some important issues. Of note were debates on revision of the Form of Subscription (vows of officers), ecclesiastical fellowship with the Reformed Church in America and whether to go into television production. The form of Subscription was not revised, but the last two issues passed. I was impressed by the way matters having to do with people were handled—cautiously, generously and in a brotherly manner. In two cases of matters that had been appealed for discipline, final action was referred back to the lower court that a denomination and further action might be taken, if necessary. This did not appear to be shrinking from responsibility, recognition of the proper sphere of authority for action.

With 65,000 families on the roll, they set a budget calling for contributions to synodical projects of $250 per family. Approval of going into television production added $10 per family, making their budget for the Back to God Hour $34 per family.

Of special significance at this Synod was their celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of Calvin College and Seminary. An anniversary dinner and program was given on Tuesday evening, June 13, to celebrate the occasion.

I am grateful to the Synod for the privilege of representing you at the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church.

Yours faithfully,
E. Clark Copeland

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL DELEGATE TO THE EUREKA CLASSIS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

It was a privilege to represent the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America as a Fraternal Delegate to the Eureka Classis of the Reformed Church in the United States, which met in the Oranien Church in Leola, South Dakota.

I attended their meeting on Thursday, May 6th, taking Mrs. Robb with me. We noted from their schedule that their devotions would be

at 9:00 a.m.; so we arrived at 8:40, anticipating that we would have twenty minutes in which to introduce ourselves and begin to get acquainted before their meeting commenced. We found that they had been hard at it since 8:00 that morning. They took time out at 9:00 for devotions, which included a sermon, then went back to the business which was before them.

The morning session was devoted largely to the question of whether they would unite with the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council. Though they were all brethren in Christ, they were not afraid to debate the question; and after rather thorough discussion, they voted not to go into the Council. We gained the impression that their pastors were more in favor of membership in the Council than their elders. The reasons brought forward for staying out of the Council were:

1. One member denomination in the Council shows signs of wavering on the doctrine of the infallibility and Divine inerrancy of the Scriptures.

2. The Eureka Classis had but recently gained freedom from the main body of the Reformed Church in the United States, from which it had withdrawn; and they did not favor giving up their freedom so soon, even to the extent of membership in a Council.

3. There were specific guide lines for a denomination to gain membership in the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council; but there was no word whatsoever about how a denomination might withdraw.

Therefore, the vote was not to go into the Council.

I brought greetings as a Fraternal Delegate from this Synod, early in the afternoon session of May the 6th. During the noon hour the clerk of their Assembly told me privately that they were running far behind schedule, and would appreciate it if I would limit my remarks to five minutes. I had hurriedly to eliminate several paragraphs telling them how much we loved them, but I believe my remarks were kept within five minutes, as requested.

Some of their financial practices were worthy of note, not necessarily of emulation. We noted that they, also, call the sum total of their denominational expeses "Synod's Budget".

Another interesting item was from their Finance Committee, which read out, on the floor of the Court, the names of the congregations that had not contributed their share toward the denomination's Budget. We are simply reporting this to our own Synod as an indication of how some of our Christian brethren handle the problem of insufficient contributions to their denominational Budget. We are not necessarily bringing the Scriptural admonition, "Go thou, and do likewise".

My thanks to the Synod for allowing me to represent you as the Fraternal delegate to the meeting of the Eureka Classis of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,
G. M. Robb

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL DELEGATES OF THE RPCNA TO THE ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. John H. White was appointed a delegate and Rev. Dean Smith an alternate to the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church meeting at Geneva College on May 28 through June 4. The Assembly took action to seat both Mr. Smith and Mr. White as fraternal delegates with privileges of the floor.

Your fraternal delegates were warmly received by the General Assembly. The good relationships established by various fraternal delegates who have gone before us prepared the way for this warm reception.

Many items could be reported, however, we choose to report three items.

Two and one-half days were taken for the discussion of an appeal of a presbytery decision to rebuke a teaching elder for holding the position of continuation of the gift of tongues. The teaching elder does not hold to the notion of the baptism of the Holy Spirit or that tongues are revelatory, but that tongues can be a means of edification and enlightenment. The General Assembly upheld the decision of the presbytery. However, a sizeable minority dissented from the decision of the General Assembly.

The same teaching elder raised a question about the possibility of ordaining elders who might not be totally in sympathy with the teachings of the reformed faith. The decision of his presbytery to rebuke him for holding this position was upheld.

The General Assembly also asked its Committee on Ecumencity to reinstitute talks with the R.P.C.E.S. with a view to union.

The O. P. C. Committee on Christian Education reported into a separate Great Commission Publications have been reorganized into a separate corporation. The corporation consists of representatives from the O. P. C. and the P. C. A. By means of this incorporation and new financial resources, Great Commission Publications has hired staff and begun planning toward a complete Sabbath School curriculum consistant with the reformed standards.

We express our appreciation to the Synod for the privilege of representing you and recommend that fraternal relations with the O. P. C. be continued.

Respectfully submitted,
John H. White
Dean R. Smith

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WOMEN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS — COMBINED FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JANUARY 8, 1976

	BALANCE January 6, 1975	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE-MENTS	BALANCE January 8, 1976
Contingent Fund	$ 404.17	$ 1,314.52	$ 689.36	$1,029.33
Life & Memorial Fund	1,284.44	502.98	990.32	797.10
Thankoffering Fund	10,734.74	27,329.10	33,930.97	4,132.87
Special Projects Fund	202.67	928.60	651.20	480.07
Designated Funds	170.13	4,629.52	4,129.20	670.45
Total	**12,796.15**	**34,704.72**	**40,391.05**	**7,109.82**
Less Transfer from Thankoffering Savings Account		(4,898.39	4,898.39)	
Less Transfer from Contingent Fund to Designated Fund		(.20	.20)	
Adjusted Total	**$12,796.15**	**$29,806.13**	**$35,492.46**	**$7,109.82**
BANK ACCOUNTS				
Union National Bank of Pittsburgh— Checking				
Contingent Fund	404.17	1,314.52	689.36	1,029.33
Life & Memorial Fund	765.32	475.00	990.32	250.00
Thankoffering Fund	2,026.29	27,006.29	29,032.58	0
Special Projects Fund	202.67	928.60	651.20	480.07
Designated Funds	170.13	4,629.52	4,129.20	670.45
		34,353.93	35,492.66	
Less inter-fund transfers		(4,898.39	4,898.39)	
		(.20	.20)	
Total	**$3,568.58**	**$29,455.34**	**$30,594.07**	**2,429.85**
First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Beaver Falls— Savings				
Thankoffering Fund	8,708.45	322.81	4,898.39	4,132.87
Life & Memorial Fund	519.12	27.98	0	547.10
Total	**$12,796.15**	**$29,806.13**	**$35,492.46**	**$7,109.82**

WOMEN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA
DISBURSEMENTS — COMBINED FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED — January 8, 1976

Contingent Fund:		
Uniform Programs	460.87	
General Expense	102.32	
N. E. A. Convention	16.25	
Insurance Premium	75.90	
Treasurer's Bond	34.00	
		$689.36
Thankoffering Fund:		
Foreign Missions	13,598.39	
Home Missions	6,799.19	
Women's Association	1,000.00	
Japan Mission - cash register	720.00	
Southern Mission salaries	6,915.00	
		29,032.58
Life & Memorial Fund:		
Foreign Missions	660.22	
Home Missions	330.10	
		990.32
Special Projects:		
Witness Mailing	201.20	
Women's Association - furnishings	450.00	
		651.20
Designated Funds:		
Foreign Missions	325.00	
Home Missions	249.25	
Cyprus	367.55	
Japan	883.55	
Southern Mission	388.20	
Anchorage, Alaska	27.45	
Easton, Pa.	45.00	
Hays, Kansas	120.00	
Walnut, California	20.00	
Seminary	712.20	
Women's Association	187.50	
Synod's Budget	305.00	
R. T. F.	340.00	
Missionary Travel Expense	25.00	
C. G. M.	30.00	
Pa. Council on Alcohol	10.00	
Oretta Everett	15.00	
Gene Spear Family	68.50	
Copeland Memorial	10.00	
		4,129.20
Less Inter-fund transfer		(.20)
Total Disbursements		$35,492.46

WOMEN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA
RECEIPTS — COMBINED FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JANUARY 8, 1976

Presbyterial Receipts:		
Iowa	$1,866.69	
Midwest	6,361.60	
New York	5,582.91	
Ohio-Illinois	6,568.30	
Pacific Coast	2,684.74	
Pittsburgh	5,422.16	
		$28,486.40
Sale of Uniform Programs	901.44	901.44
Individual Contributions	67.50	67.50
Interest:		
Savings Account - Thankoffering Fund	322.81	
Savings Account - Life & Memorial Fund	27.98	
		350.79
Total Receipts		**$29,806.13**

Mrs. Willard Hemphill
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have checked these records and according to the information submitted to me I find them to be correct with a balance in the checking account as of 12/31/75 of $2,429.85 and the Savings Accounts of $4,132.87 and $547.10.

/s/ Eve B. Hayes

1/22/76

IOWA

CONGREGATION	1975 MEMBERSHIP																S. S.		C. Y. P. U.	Parsonage	1975 FINANCES										Pastor's Salary 1976
	Total		Communicant 12/31/75	Baptized, not Prof.	INCREASE						DECREASE						Elders	Deacons	Average Attendance				RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS					Cash Balance 12-31-75	Other Assets	
	1974	1975			By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	From Cov. Cong.	From Other Denom.	Other	Total	Deaths	To R. P. Cong.	To Other Denom.	Suspended	Other	Total			1974	1975			Balance 12-31-74	Supplemental Aid From Presbytery	Other	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Synod's Budget	Other R. P. Works	Other	Total Disbursements			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Lake Reno	47	35	29	6	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	13	0	0	13	2	1	14	15	No	Yes	244		5,514	5,514	2,040	722	2,536	202	5,500	258	2,802	2,080
Marion	72	67	39	28	0	0	5	0	1	6	0	2	3	6	0	11	4	2	28	24	No	Yes	1,722	2,580	14,634	17,214	8,900	1,400	676	6,599	17,575	1,361	12,828	9,600
Morning Sun	23	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	6	6	No	Yes	686		6,653	6,653	2,700	1,500	63	2,570	6,833	506		2,700
Sharon	158	159	132	27	0	1	3	2	0	6	2	0	0	1	2	5	9	6	46	51	5	Yes	500		36,490	36,490	7,200	7,011	2,088	20,191	36,490	500	4,515	7,200
Washington	117	121	82	39	4	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	0	51	63	8	Yes	631	3,200	20,242	23,442	8,900	914	332	12,510	22,656	1,417	6,000	9,600
Ministerial Members	4	4	4																															
On Presbytery's Roll	3	3	3																															
TOTALS	424	410	310	100	4	1	8	3	1	18	2	2	16	7	5	32	25	11	145	159	13	5	3,783	5,780	83,533	89,313	29,740	11,547	5,695	42,072	89,054	4,042	26,145	31,180

MIDWEST

CONGREGATION	1975 MEMBERSHIP																		S. S.		C. Y. P. U.	Parsonage	1975 FINANCES											
					INCREASE							DECREASE												RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS								
	Total		Communicant	Baptized, not Prof.	By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	From Cov. Cong.	From Other Denom.	Other	Total	Deaths	To R. P. Cong.	To Other Denom.	Suspended	Other	Total	Elders	Deacons	Average Attendance				Balance 12-31-74	Supplemental Aid From Presbytery	Other	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Synod's Budget	Other R. P. Works	Other	Total Disbursements	Cash Balance 12-31-75	Other Assets	Pastor's Salary 1976
	1974	1975	12/31/75																1974	1975														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Clarinda	51	47	41	6	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	5	2	4	32	29	0	Yes	6,800		10,953	10,953	5,300	1,414		8,190	14,904	2,849		6,400
Denison	99	98	87	11	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	3	6	8	61	59	15	Yes	1,633		22,045	22,045	8,900	4,500	1,611	5,723	20,734	2,944	6,917	
Greeley	130	122	108	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	8	7	7	59	56	8	Yes	2,310		23,775	23,775	9,016	3,657	2,163	10,075	24,911	1,174		9,600
Hebron	55	55	48	7	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	2	40	38	3	Yes	3,400		12,019	12,019	2,825	2,480	280	8,193	13,778	1,641	9,858	
Hot Springs	20	19	18	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	21	24	0	Yes	622	3,600	13,368	16,968	8,500	500		5,379	14,379	3,211		8,500
Lawrence	51	47	27	20	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	5	0	1	0	6	2	0	48	37	5	Yes	834	2,720	12,848	15,568	6,262		404	8,455	15,121	1,281	363	
Minneola	35	34	31	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	14	13	3	No	7,517		11,731	11,731	5,093	1,639	1,154	7,416	15,302	3,946	16,000	10,000
Park City	41	40	23	17	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	3	5	0	0	8	3	2	27	23	0	Yes	3,429	896	11,606	12,502	4,011	450		7,066	11,527	4,404		6,260
Quinter	99	104	77	27	2	0	6	4	0	12	0	4	2	0	1	7	6	4	50	52	9	Yes	1,411		23,146	23,146	8,810	1,000	2,353	11,059	23,322	1,235		12,000
Shawnee	145	147	113	34	2	2	4	0	0	8	1	0	4	0	1	6	7	7	85	88	9	Yes	9,018		139,493	139,493	11,000	6,415	1,285	127,678	146,378	2,133		12,000
Sterling	117	114	87	27	7	0	3	0	0	10	5	2	3	0	3	13	3	4	51	61	12	Yes	4,208		32,020	32,020	8,009	5,104	15,402	359	28,874	7,354	28,046	9,100
Superior - Beulah	71	69	51	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	3	4	21	19	0	Yes	3,994		8,899	8,899	6,540	115	28	2,231	8,914	3,979	268	7,200
Topeka	154	151	120	31	7	2	2	3	0	14	3	1	1	0	12	17	9	6	93	90	5	Yes	10,238		43,010	43,010	10,600	10,600	3,132	13,835	38,167	15,081		12,200
Westminster	34	38	28	10	1	1	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	45	46	0	No	2,664	6,036	22,107	28,143	12,500	1,320	65	15,573	29,458	1,349	126	12,500
Winchester	79	80	69	11	2	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	2	4	3	55	60	8	Yes	1,661		21,379	21,379	4,777	1,378	8,483	4,605	19,243	3,797		12,000
Ministerial Members	26	25	25				2	1		3	1	1	2			4																		
On Presbytery's Roll	36	21	21								1				14	15																		
TOTALS	1243	1211	974	237	24	6	21	15	2	68	19	20	24	1	36	100	61	58	702	695	79	13	59,739	13,252	408,399	421,651	112,243	40,572	36,360	235,837	425,012	56,378	61,578	117,760

NEW YORK

CONGREGATION	1975 MEMBERSHIP																	S. S.				1975 FINANCES											
					INCREASE						DECREASE												RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS								
	Total		Communicant	Baptized, not Prof	By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	From Cov. Cong.	From Other Denom.	Other	Total	Deaths	To R. P. Cong.	To Other Denom.	Suspended	Other	Total	Elders	Deacons	Average Attendance		C. Y. P. U.	Parsonage	Balance 12-31-74	Supplemental Aid From Presbytery	Other	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Synod's Budget	Other R. P. Works	Other	Total Disbursements	Cash Balance 12-31-75	Other Assets	Pastor's Salary 1976
	1974	1975	12/31/75															1974	1975														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	24	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Broomall	63	62	43	19	2					2	3					3	6	3	30	30	3	Yes	497		31,483	31,483	9,944	4,601	5,152	10,843	30,140	1,840	10,228	9,888
Cambridge	48	49	35	14			1			1						0	3	2	24	29	7	Yes	318		14,819	14,819	8,638	1,864	300	4,048	14,850	287	5,891	
Coldenham	86	80	66	14			2			2	1	1	5		1	8	5	3	45	40		Yes	3,890		15,474	15,474	6,900	54	300	9,461	16,715	2,649		10,000
Elkins Park	51	48	43	5						0	1	1	1			3	3	2	30	30	5	Yes	16,666		17,133	17,133	9,171	296	1,055	23,184	33,706	93	11,369	9,171
Newburgh	51	51	37	14	1					1	1					1	4		23			Yes	1,000		27,110	27,110	2,358	1,744	1,169	20,845	26,116	2,000	105,302	
New York City	83	83	71	12		1		1		2	1	1				2	4	2	38	32		No	5,094		23,365	23,365	4,500	4,000	973	12,464	21,937	6,522	155,088	4,500
Easton Area Fell. #	0	7	3	4					7	7													A 6,185	6,250	9,182	15,432	9,000			6,141	15,141	6,476		9,500
Montclair Preach. Sta. #	36	41	35	6		1	3	1		5						0	2*	2	11	14		Yes	6,296	3,115	8,315	11,430	7,439	535	535	2,936	11,445	6,281		8,500
White Lake Preach. Sta. #	17	17	16	1						0						0		3	10	8		Yes	638		2,737	2,737	1,720	650	25	529	2,924	451	10,000	
Ministerial Members	7	8	8						1	1																							
On Presbytery's Roll	1														1	1																	
TOTALS	443	446	357	89	3	2	6	2	8	21	7	3	6	0	2	18	27	17	211	183	15	7	40,590	9,365	149,618	158,983	59,270	13,744	9,509	90,451	172,974	26,599	297,878	51,559

*Montclair - 3 Elders out-of-bounds, not functioning.
Preaching Stations
A Easton Area was not listed in 1974

OHIO-ILLINOIS	1975 MEMBERSHIP																S. S.		C. Y. P. U.	Parsonage	1975 FINANCES										
	Total		Communicant	Baptized, not Prof	INCREASE						DECREASE						Elders	Deacons	Average Attendance				RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS						
			12/31/75		By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	From Cov. Cong.	From Other Denom.	Other	Total	Deaths	To R. P. Cong.	To Other Denom.	Suspended	Other	Total					Balance 12-31-74	Supplemental Aid From Presbytery	Other	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Synod's Budget	Other R. P. Works	Other	Total Disbursements	Cash Balance 12-31-75	Other Assets	Pastor's Salary 1976
CONGREGATION	1974	1975															1974	1975												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Belle Center	39	35	33	2			5			5	2	7				9	2	1	25	22	No	Yes	2,049		12,248	12,248	2,344[a]	1,000	1,140	7,636	12,120	2,177	12,073	7,500
Bloomington	108	107	83	24										1		1	6	6	48	40	No	Yes	1,514		25,096	25,096	9,792	4,966	2,552	8,731	26,041	569	14,149	10,100
Chicago	64	65	44	21		3	1			4		1	1		1	3	4	4			No	Yes	12,152		22,648	22,648	16,200	1,153		16,620	33,973	827		
Hetherton	82	52	40	12			1			1	1	23[b]	1		6	31	2	4	40	31	No	Yes	2,761		11,190	11,190	3,432[a]	699		6,646	10,777	3,174		
Indianapolis	139	146	108	38	8	5				13			6			6	7		120	130	No	Yes	7,601[c]		64,408	64,408	8,700[a]	1,500	6,315	50,696[c]	67,211	4,798	9,780	15,600
Oakdale	76	71	66	5		3				3			5		3	8	6	6	42	39	Yes	Yes	4,202		22,571	22,571	8,900	7,676	2,529	4,761	23,866	2,907		9,600
Ogemaw		23	12	11		4	19			23						0	2[d]	1		30	No	No	3,589[e]		11,918	11,918	3,654[a]		40	5,664	9,358	6,149		9,500
Orlando	136	137	99	38	1	1				2				1		1	6	10	68	58	8	No	14,552		72,596[f]	72,596	9,500	6,000	2,066	63,395	80,961	6,187		10,400
Selma	122	110	95	15	3					3	3				12	15	6	5		20	No	No	1,190	5,760	9,626	15,386	6,600[g]		1,686	7,023	15,309	1,267		
Southfield	64	61	44	17	1					1		2	2			4	6	5	37	44	6	Yes	21,050		24,004	24,004	10,500	3,890	2,169	6,107	22,666	22,388		11,000
Sparta	43	43	33	10			5			5	1	1	3			5	5	2	31	28	No	Yes	9,348[h]		26,845	26,845	10,000	6,500	900	17,733[h]	35,133	1,060	11,571	10,500
West Lafayette	62	60	48	12		3			3	6		5	2		1	8	2		50	50	No	Yes	941	927	25,939	26,866	11,352	500	360	13,582	25,794	2,013		12,000
Ministerial Members	14	13	13								1					1																	
On Presbytery's Roll																																		
TOTALS	949	923	718	205	13	19	31	0	3	66	8	39	20	2	23	92	54	44	461	492	14	8	80,949	6,687	329,089	335,776	100,974	33,884	19,757	208,594	363,209	53,516	47,573	96,200

a. Partial year salary
b. Transferred to organize Ogemaw Congregation
c. Beginning Balance incorrect - should have been $2464. Other disbursements were adjusted accordingly.
d. Provisional session
e. Not listed in 1974
f. Includes ~~$20,000 bank loan for remodeling~~
g. Plus $2400 paid directly from the Southern Mission Account.
h. Bethel and Old Bethel merged. Increased "other disbursements" by $6,494 to adjust beginning balance.

PACIFIC COAST

CONGREGATION	1975 MEMBERSHIP																	S. S.		C. Y. P. U.	Patronage	1975 FINANCES												
	Total		Communicant	Baptized, not Prof.	INCREASE						DECREASE						Elders	Deacons	Average Attendance				RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS						Cash Balance 12-31-75	Other Assets	Pastor's Salary 1976
			12/31/75		By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	From Cov. Cong.	From Other Denom.	Other	Total	Deaths	To R. P. Cong.	To Other Denom.	Suspended	Other	Total							Balance 12-31-74	Supplemental Aid From Presbytery	Other	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Synod's Budget	Other R. P. Works	Other	Total Disbursements			
	1974	1975 *																	1974	1975														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Fresno	75	72	56	16		1	1			2	1	4				5	2	3	34	35	10	Yes	5,454		17,467	17,467	4,525	1,240	101	9,215	15,081	7,840	5,591	
Los Angeles	150	139	108	31	3	4				7	4	7	3	1	3	18	5	6	50	46	6	No	261		37,295	37,295	14,264	6,176	809	13,846	35,097	2,459	3,226	15,340
Phoenix	40	48	33	15	2	1	1	11		15		1	5		1	7	2	5	49	39		Yes	6,045		15,279	15,279	9,400	1,830		8,155	19,385	1,939	5,400	10,860
San Diego	47	22	15	7	1					1		2	15		9	26	3	2	24	24		Yes	7,399	4,800	9,131	13,931	8,900			4,765	13,665	7,665		9,600
Santa Ana	53	52	42	10	1	1				2		1	1		1	3	3	5	39	38		No	4,650		16,999	16,999	8,900	1,258	1,040	9,846	21,044	605	24,570	8,900
Seattle *	82	89	70	19	3	4	1	4		12	1	3			1	5	3	4	37	31		Yes	1,440		23,555	23,555	B 2,700	2,295	842	9,840	15,677	9,318	16,450	
Walnut C																							214	9,000	4,143	13,143	8,900			4,457	13,357			
Ministerial Members	9	8	8										1			1																		
On Presbytery's Roll	2	2	2																															
TOTALS	458	432	334	98	10	11	3	15	0	39	6	18	25	1	15	65	18	25	233	213	16	4	25,463	13,800	123,869	137,669	57,589	12,799	2,792	60,126	133,306	29,826	55,237	44,700

*Note: Membership figures include Anchorage

B For 3 months

C Discontinued December, 1975

PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY	1975 MEMBERSHIP																		S. S.				1975 FINANCES										
					INCREASE						DECREASE													RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS							
	Total		Communicant	Baptized, not Prof.	By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	From Cov. Cong.	From Other Denom.	Other	Total	Deaths	To R. P. Cong.	To Other Denom.	Suspended	Other	Total	Elders	Deacons	Average Attendance		C. Y. P. U.	Parsonage	Balance 12-31-74	Supplemental Aid From Presbytery	Other	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Synod's Budget	Other R. P. Work	Other	Total Disbursements	Cash Balance 12-31-75	Other Assets	Pastor's Salary 1976
CONGREGATION	1974	1975	12/31/75																1974	1975													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Allegheny	52	53	52	1			3			3	2					2	3	9	42	43		Yes	6,230		14,894	14,894	4,166	1,500	1,775	9,311	16,752	4,372	6,179	
College Hill	171	180	134	46	8	5	6	‖		21	3	2	3		4	12	11	10	111	107	16	Yes	6,227		52,272	52,272	8,700	10,231	4,249	33,056	56,236	2,263	3,791	9,600
Covenant Fellowship	24	35	26	9	3		8	1	2	14		3				3	2	3	35	50		No	1,500		16,940	16,940	8,900	1,396	181	7,713	18,190	250		9,600
Eastvale	105	106	85	21	1	5		2	6	13	1	3		6	2	12	4	8	50	54	8	Yes	1,301		21,467	21,467	8,900	2,517	1,261	8,048	20,726	2,042	1,502	9,600
First Beaver Falls	209	206	165	41	3	5		‖		10	4	3	1		5	13	6	8	78	72	4	Yes	431		39,847	39,847	10,000	7,000		22,350	39,350	928	4,292	10,500
Four Mile	54	62	30	32	5	2	1			8							3	2	67	62	10	Yes	3,276	4,333	13,627	17,960	6,143	500		8,511	15,154	6,082		9,500
Geneva	221	214	169	45	3	5	1			9	1	2	12	1		16	11	10	93	95	26	Yes	7,950		65,524	65,524	8,800	16,000	3,440	39,848	68,088	5,386		
Manchester	96	94	61	33	‖					2	1	1	2			4	3	4	51	46		Yes	1,376		15,632	15,632	9,100	120		6,561	15,781	1,227	2,811	9,600
New Alexandria	70	74	58	16	2				5	7	1				2	3	4	6	40	38		Yes	5,309		15,085	15,085	6,633	167		9,213	16,013	4,381	3,639	7,500
New Castle	25	24	22	2							1					1	3	4	10	8		Yes	382		10,559	10,559	2,855		334	7,194	10,383	558	53,000	
North Hills	138	128	76	52	4		4			8	1	9			8	18	6	5	76	77	7	Yes	490		44,531	44,531	9,000	7,956	7,644	20,358	44,958	63	216,000	10,000
Rimersburg	90	93	64	29	2			3	1	6					3	3	5	3	18	18	Yes	Yes	595	1,900	14,079	15,979	8,900	300	133	6,443	15,776	798	3,820	8,900
Rose Point	99	94	75	19		2		3		5	2		2		6	10	7	7	71	68	7	Yes	4,433		24,449	24,449	9,000	5,500	1,913	9,811	26,224	2,658	4,096	9,600
Union Mission Station	36	35	35								1					1			13	10		No	3,950		3,687	3,687	1,945	900		1,727	4,572	3,065		1,820
Wilkinsburg	24	20	20								1				3	4	2	4	6			No	1,189		5,473	5,473	1,940	395	310	3,176	5,821	841		
Ministerial Members	35	34	34						1	1		1	1			2																	
On Presbytery's Roll	26	16	13	3							1				9	10																	
TOTALS	1475	1468	1119	349	33	24	23	13	14	107	20	24	21	7	42	114	70	83	761	748	78	12	44,639	6,233	358,066	364,299	104,982	54,482	21,240	193,320	374,024	34,914	299,230	96,220

ST. LAWRENCE	1975 MEMBERSHIP																		S. S.				1975 FINANCES												
	Total		Communicant	Baptized, not Prof.	INCREASE						DECREASE						Elders	Deacons	Average Attendance		C. Y. P. U.	Parsonage	RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS					Balance 12-31-74	Cash Balance 12-31-75	Other Assets	Pastor's Salary 1976
CONGREGATION	1974	1975	12/31/75		By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	From Cov. Cong.	From Other Denom.	Other	Total	Deaths	To R. P. Cong.	To Other Denom.	Suspended	Other	Total			1974	1975			Supplemental Aid From Presbytery	Other	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Synod's Budget	Other R. P. Worker	Other	Total Disbursements				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Almonte	61	58	41	17							1				2	3	4	4	38	37			5,035		20,129	20,129	A 4,375	1,560		10,833	16,768	8,396		
Lisbon	35	35	25	10													3	3	34	35	10	Yes	5,571	1,840	9,299	11,139	8,000	288		4,776	13,044	3,666		8,000
Lochiel	17	15	15									1			1	2	2	1	6			Yes	2,923		2,622	2,622		845		924	1,769	3,776		
Syracuse	79	79	67	12													3	1	60	70	45	Yes	226	B 600	27,849	28,449	9,520	1,800	3,739	12,522	27,581	1,094	6,460	10,500
Walton	112	113	86	27			2			2			1			1	6	6	59	55	6	Yes	C 7,779		25,671	25,671	9,000	5,820	1,932	15,541	32,293	1,157	5,018	9,300
Ministerial Members	6	4	4								1	1				2																		
On Presbytery's Roll	4	4	4																															
TOTALS	314	308	242	66			2			2	2	2	1		3	8	18	15	197	197	61	4	C 21,534	2,440	85,570	88,010	30,895	10,293	5,671	44,596	91,455	18,089	11,478	27,800

A Part Year
B To Rochester
C $5018 of this is "other Assets"

CYPRUS and JAPAN	1975 MEMBERSHIP																		S. S.		C. Y. P. U.		1975 FINANCES											
	Total		Communicants	Baptized by Prof.	INCREASE						DECREASE						Elders	Deacons	Average Attendance				RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS					Cash Balance 12-31-75	Other Assets	Pastor's Salary 1976
					By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	From Cor. Cong.	From Other Denom.	Other	Total	Deaths	To N. P. Cong.	To Other Denom.	Suspended	Other	Total					Pastor	Organized	Balance 12-31-74	Supplemental Aid From Presbytery	Other	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Stated Budget	Other N. P. Works	Other	Total Disbursements			
CONGREGATION	1974	1975	12/31/75																1974	1975														
	1	2	3	4	7	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Cyprus	41	43	43						4	4	1		1			2	2	5	70	80	14	1	3,564		4,425	4,425				5,399	5,399	2,090		
Ministerial Members	1	1	1																															
TOTALS Cyprus	42	44	44						4	4	1		1			2	2	5	70	80	14	1	3,564		4,425	4,425				5,399	5,399	2,090		
JAPAN																																		
Higashi Sumo	45	43	46	3	2			1		3	1				1	2	2	3	15	12	12	Yes	863		10,734	10,734	7,200			2,824	2,824	1,773		7,932
Kanamigaoka	14	23	22	7	8			2	5	15					1	1	1	3	24	23	15	Yes	5,474		6,124	6,124				7,032	7,032	1,566		
Kaiyoku	34	34	26	18	8	1		5	9	22				2		2	1	1	25	25	15	Yes	324		7,611	7,611				7,856	7,856	79		
Ministerial Members on Presbytery's Roll	1	1	1																															
TOTALS - JAPAN	97	133	95	34	18	1	0	8	14	40	1	0	0	2	1	4	4	7	67	59	32	2	6,661		24,469	24,469	7,200			17,578	24,778	3,352		7,932

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